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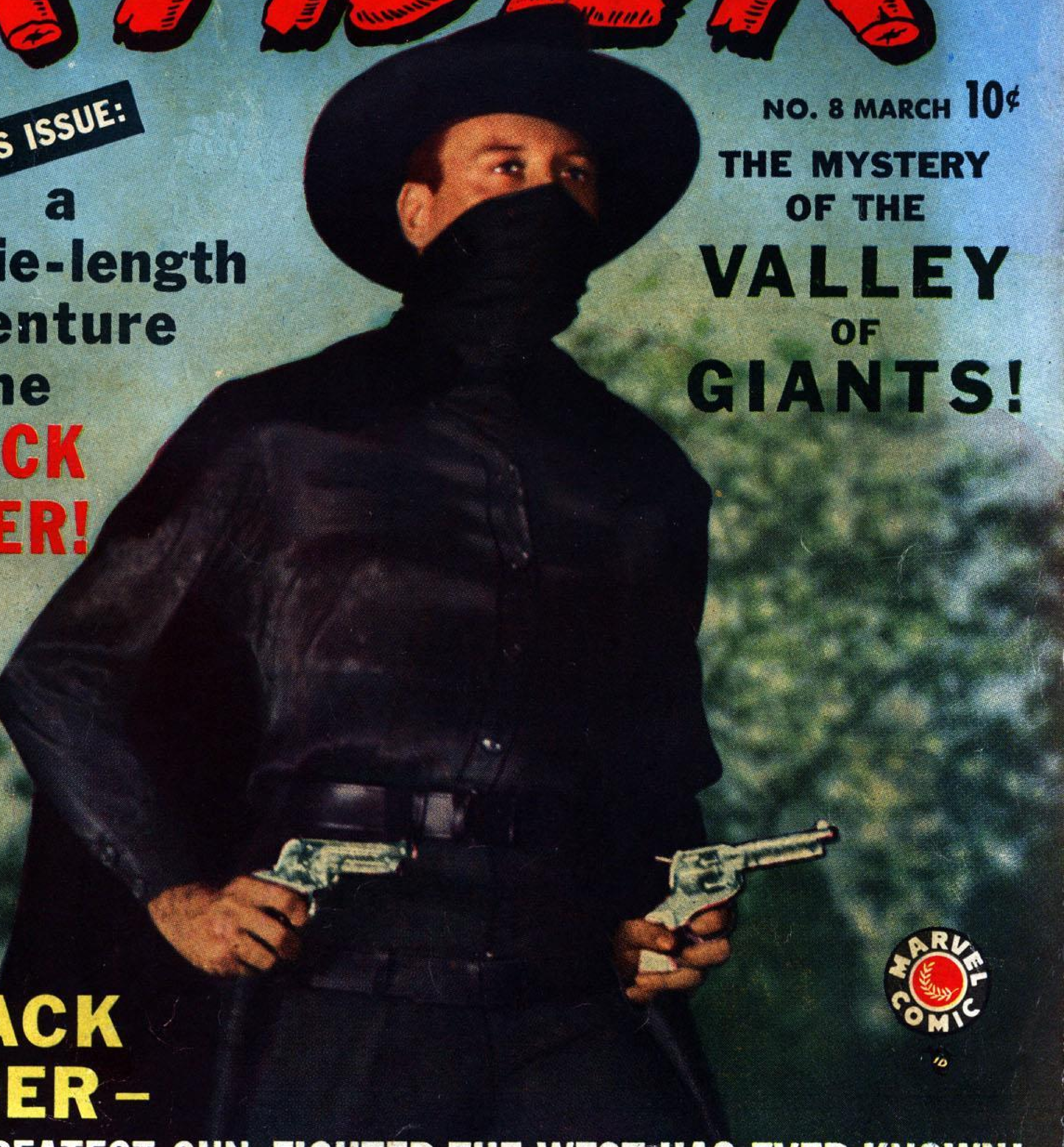

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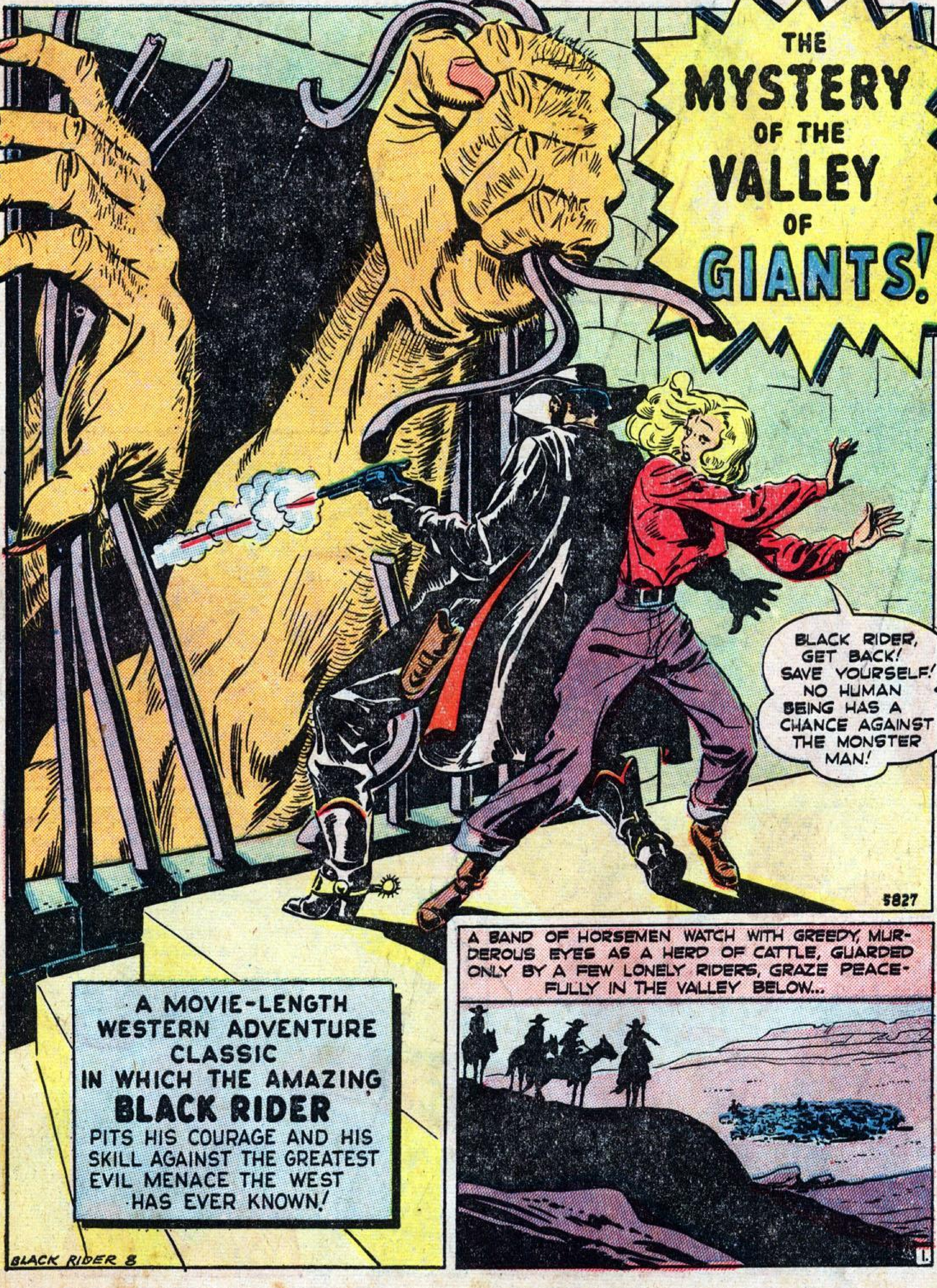
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A BAND OF HORSEMEN WATCH WITH GREEDY, MURDEROUS EYES AS A HERD OF CATTLE, GUARDED ONLY BY A FEW LONELY RIDERS, GRAZE PEACEFULLY IN THE VALLEY BELOW...
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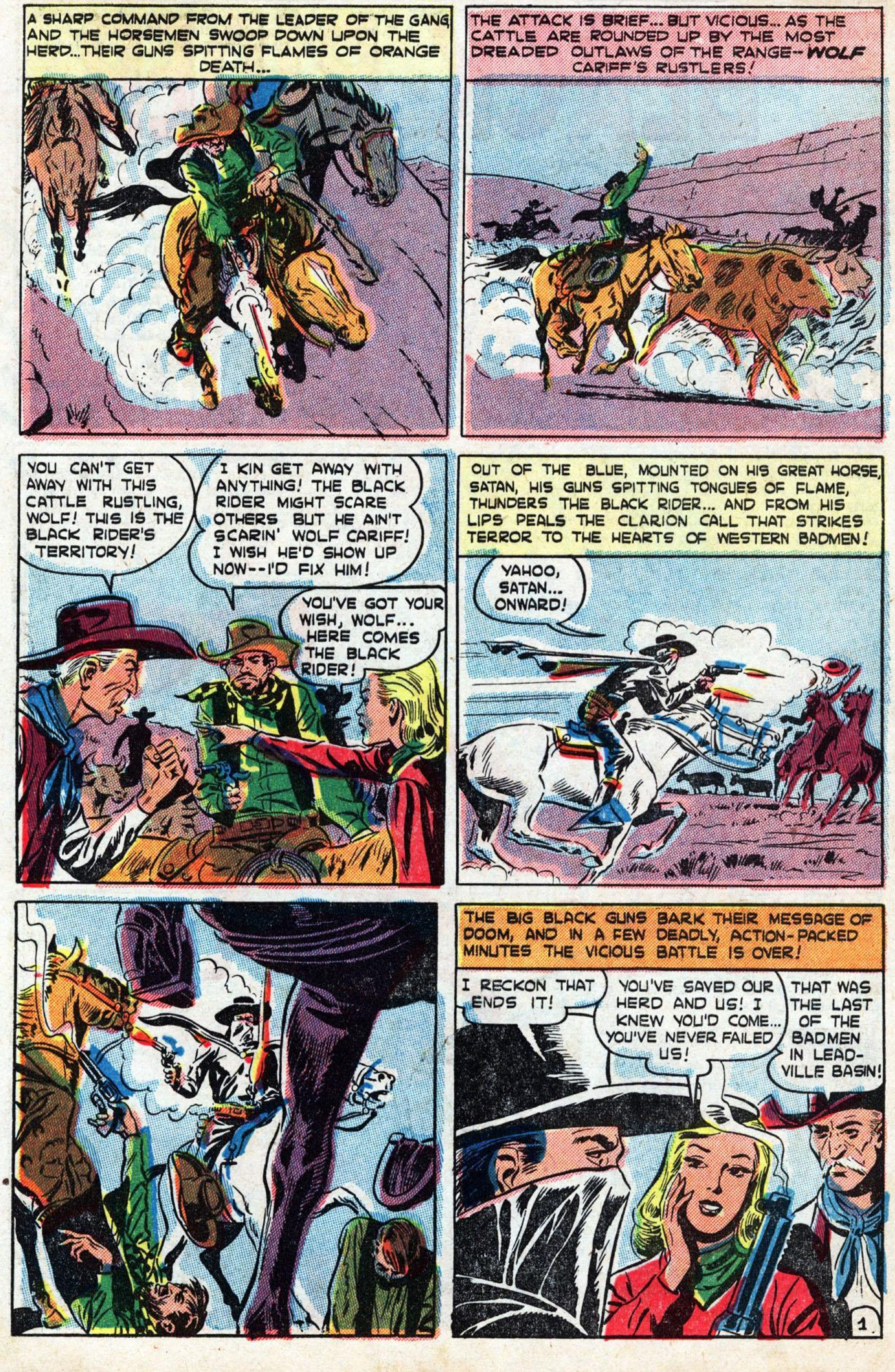
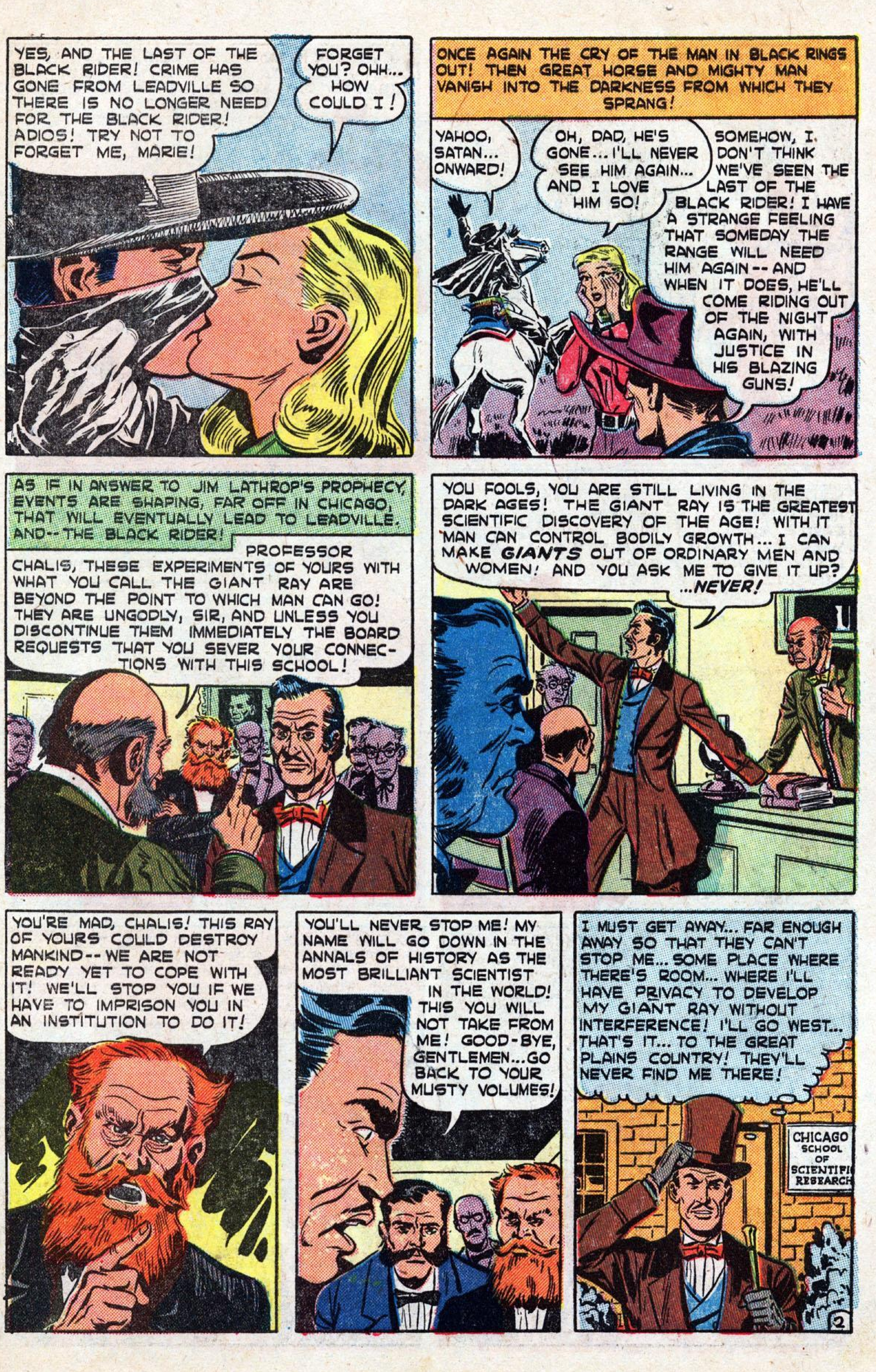

A SHARP COMMAND FROM THE LEADER OF THE GANG AND THE HORSEMEN SWOOP DOWN UPON THE HERD...THEIR GUNS SPITTING FLAMES OF ORANGE DEATH...
THE ATTACK IS BRIEF... BUT VICIOUS... AS THE CATTLE ARE ROUNDED UP BY THE MOST DREADED OUTLAWS OF THE RANGE--WOLF CARIFF'S RUSTLERS!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS CATTLE RUSTLING, WOLF! THIS IS THE BLACK RIDER'S TERRITORY!
I KIN GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING! THE BLACK RIDER MIGHT SCARE OTHERS BUT HE AIN'T SCARIN' WOLF CARIFF! I WISH HE'D SHOW UP NOW--I'D FIX HIM!
YOU'VE GOT YOUR WISH, WOLF... HERE COMES THE BLACK RIDER!
OUT OF THE BLUE, MOUNTED ON HIS GREAT HORSE, SATAN, HIS GUNS SPITTING TONGUES OF FLAME, THUNDERS THE BLACK RIDER... AND FROM HIS LIPS PEALS THE CLARION CALL THAT STRIKES TERROR TO THE HEARTS OF WESTERN BADMEN!
YAHOO, SATAN... ONWARD!
THE BIG BLACK GUNS BARK THEIR MESSAGE OF DOOM, AND IN A FEW DEADLY, ACTION-PACKED MINUTES THE VICIOUS BATTLE IS OVER!
I RECKON THAT ENDS IT!
YOU'VE SAVED OUR HERD AND US! I KNEW YOU'D COME... YOU'VE NEVER FAILED US!
THAT WAS THE LAST OF THE BADMEN IN LEADVILLE BASIN!


YES, AND THE LAST OF THE BLACK RIDER! CRIME HAS GONE FROM LEADVILLE SO THERE IS NO LONGER NEED FOR THE BLACK RIDER! ADIOS! TRY NOT TO FORGET ME, MARIE!
FORGET YOU? OHH... HOW COULD I!
ONCE AGAIN THE CRY OF THE MAN IN BLACK RINGS OUT! THEN GREAT HORSE AND MIGHTY MAN VANISH INTO THE DARKNESS FROM WHICH THEY SPRANG!
YAHOO, SATAN... ONWARD!
OH, DAD, HE'S GONE... I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN... AND I LOVE HIM SO!
SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF THE BLACK RIDER! I HAVE A STRANGE FEELING THAT SOMEDAY THE RANGE WILL NEED HIM AGAIN -- AND WHEN IT DOES, HE'LL COME RIDING OUT OF THE NIGHT AGAIN, WITH JUSTICE IN HIS BLAZING GUNS!
AS IF IN ANSWER TO JIM LATHROP'S PROPHECY, EVENTS ARE SHAPING, FAR OFF IN CHICAGO, THAT WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO LEADVILLE. AND -- THE BLACK RIDER!
PROFESSOR CHALIS, THESE EXPERIMENTS OF YOURS WITH WHAT YOU CALL THE GIANT RAY ARE BEYOND THE POINT TO WHICH MAN CAN GO! THEY ARE UNGODLY, SIR, AND UNLESS YOU DISCONTINUE THEM IMMEDIATELY THE BOARD REQUESTS THAT YOU SEVER YOUR CONNECTIONS WITH THIS SCHOOL!
YOU FOOLS, YOU ARE STILL LIVING IN THE DARK AGES! THE GIANT RAY IS THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY OF THE AGE! WITH IT MAN CAN CONTROL BODILY GROWTH... I CAN MAKE **GIANTS** OUT OF ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN! AND YOU ASK ME TO GIVE IT UP? ...***NEVER!***
YOU'RE MAD, CHALIS! THIS RAY OF YOURS COULD DESTROY MANKIND -- WE ARE NOT READY YET TO COPE WITH IT! WE'LL STOP YOU IF WE HAVE TO IMPRISON YOU IN AN INSTITUTION TO DO IT!
YOU'LL NEVER STOP ME! MY NAME WILL GO DOWN IN THE ANNALS OF HISTORY AS THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIST IN THE WORLD! THIS YOU WILL NOT TAKE FROM ME! GOOD-BYE, GENTLEMEN... GO BACK TO YOUR MUSTY VOLUMES!
I MUST GET AWAY... FAR ENOUGH AWAY SO THAT THEY CAN'T STOP ME... SOME PLACE WHERE THERE'S ROOM... WHERE I'LL HAVE PRIVACY TO DEVELOP MY GIANT RAY WITHOUT INTERFERENCE! I'LL GO WEST... THAT'S IT... TO THE GREAT PLAINS COUNTRY! THEY'LL NEVER FIND ME THERE!
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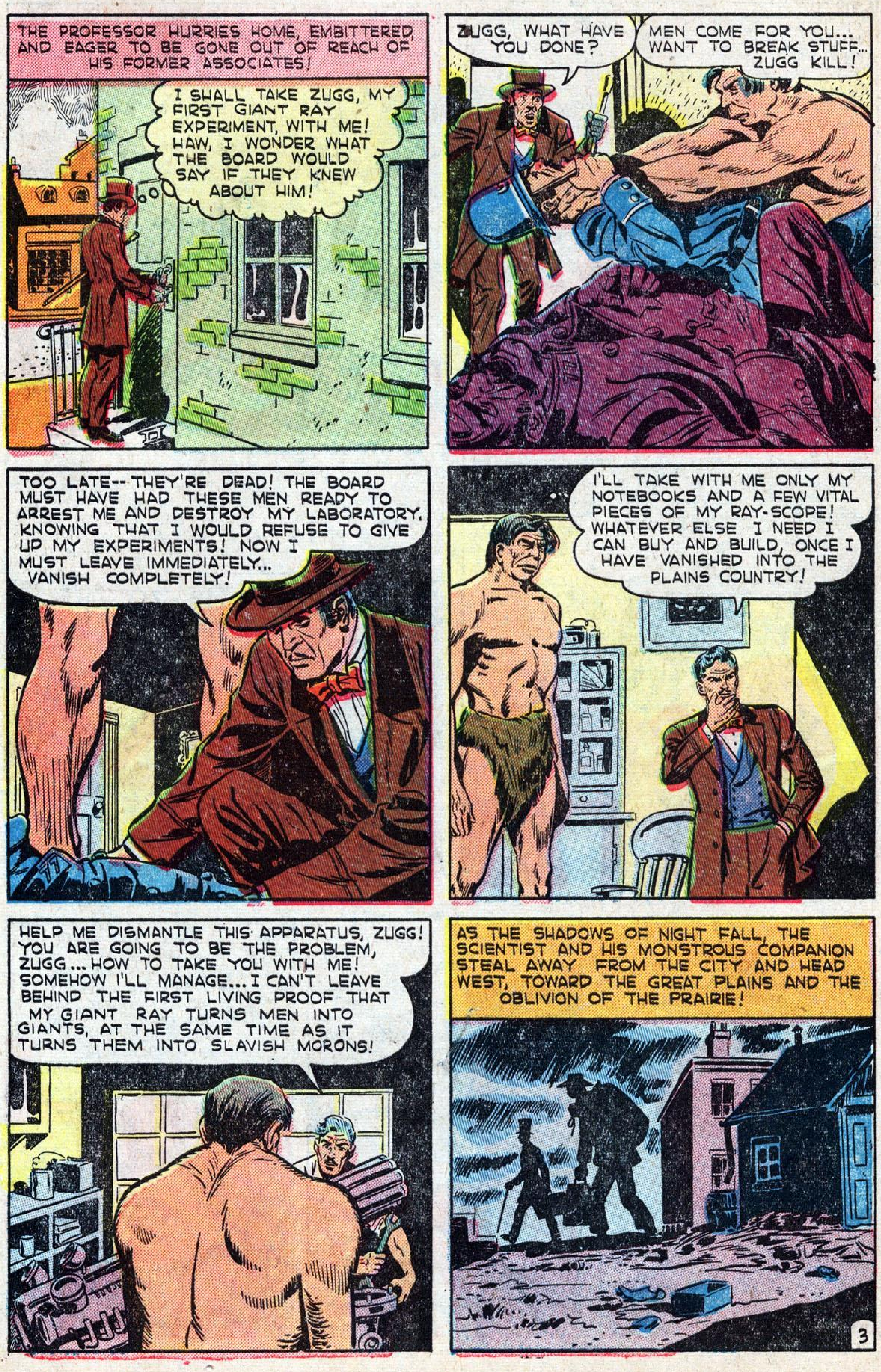
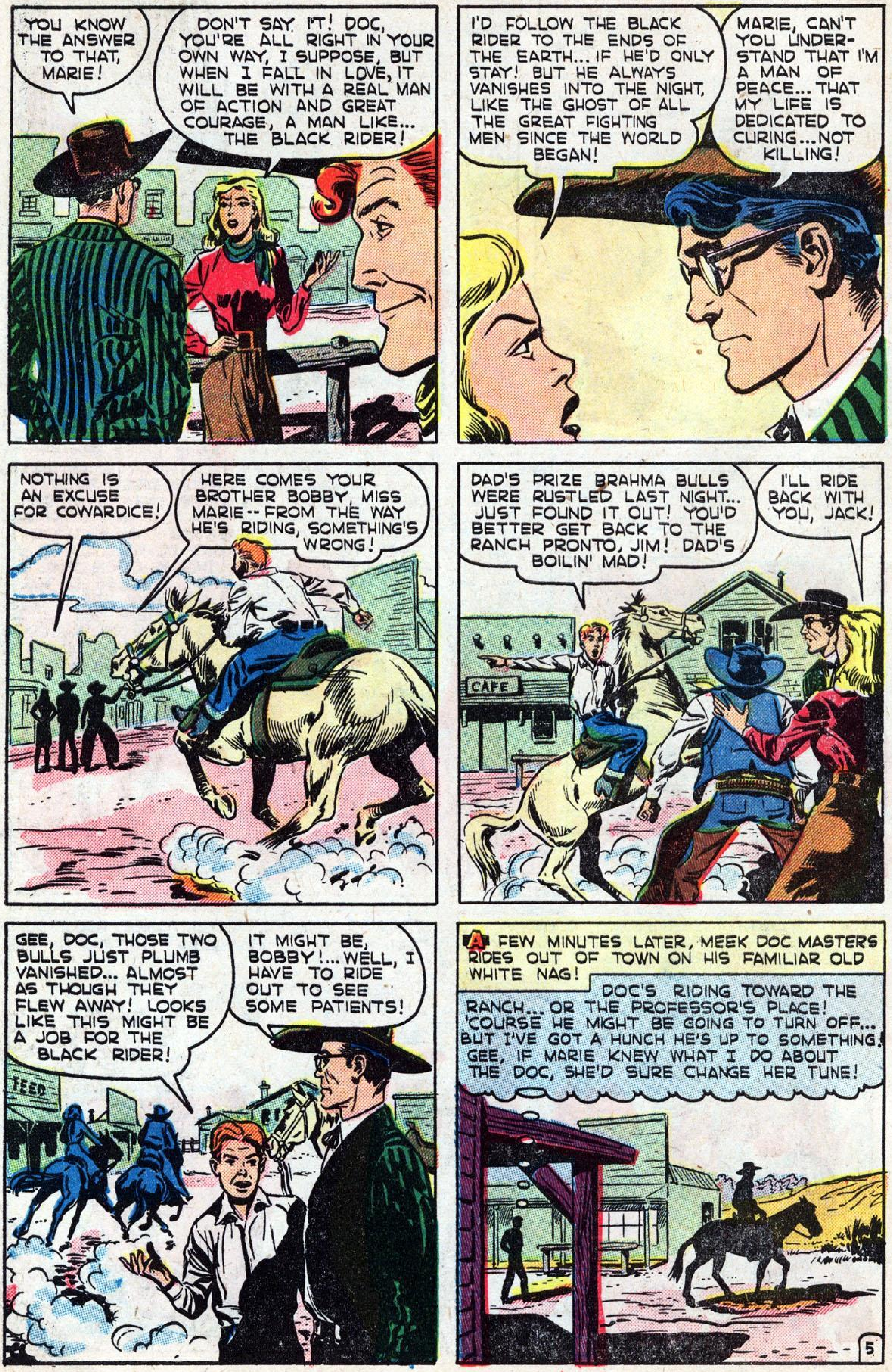
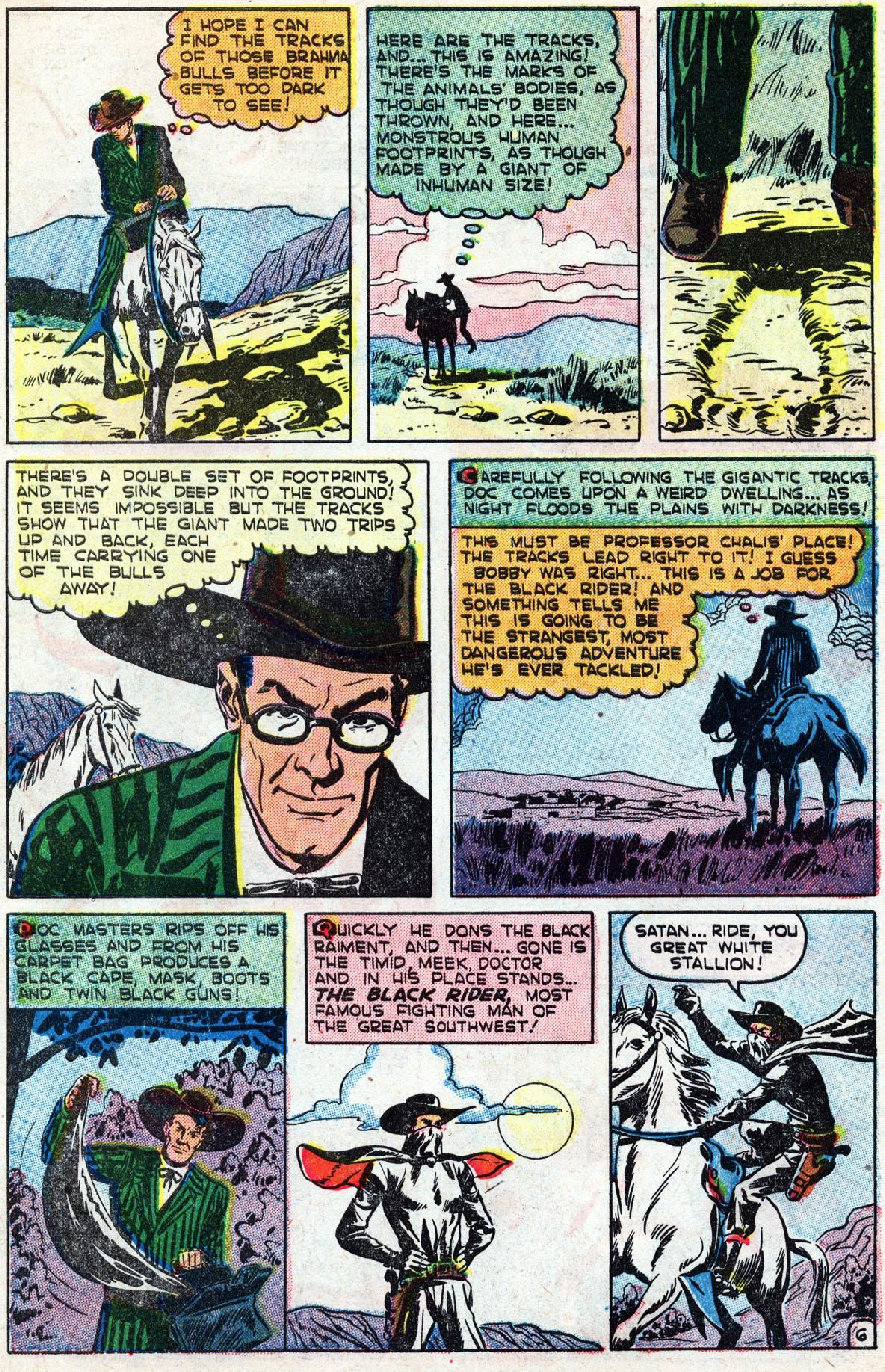
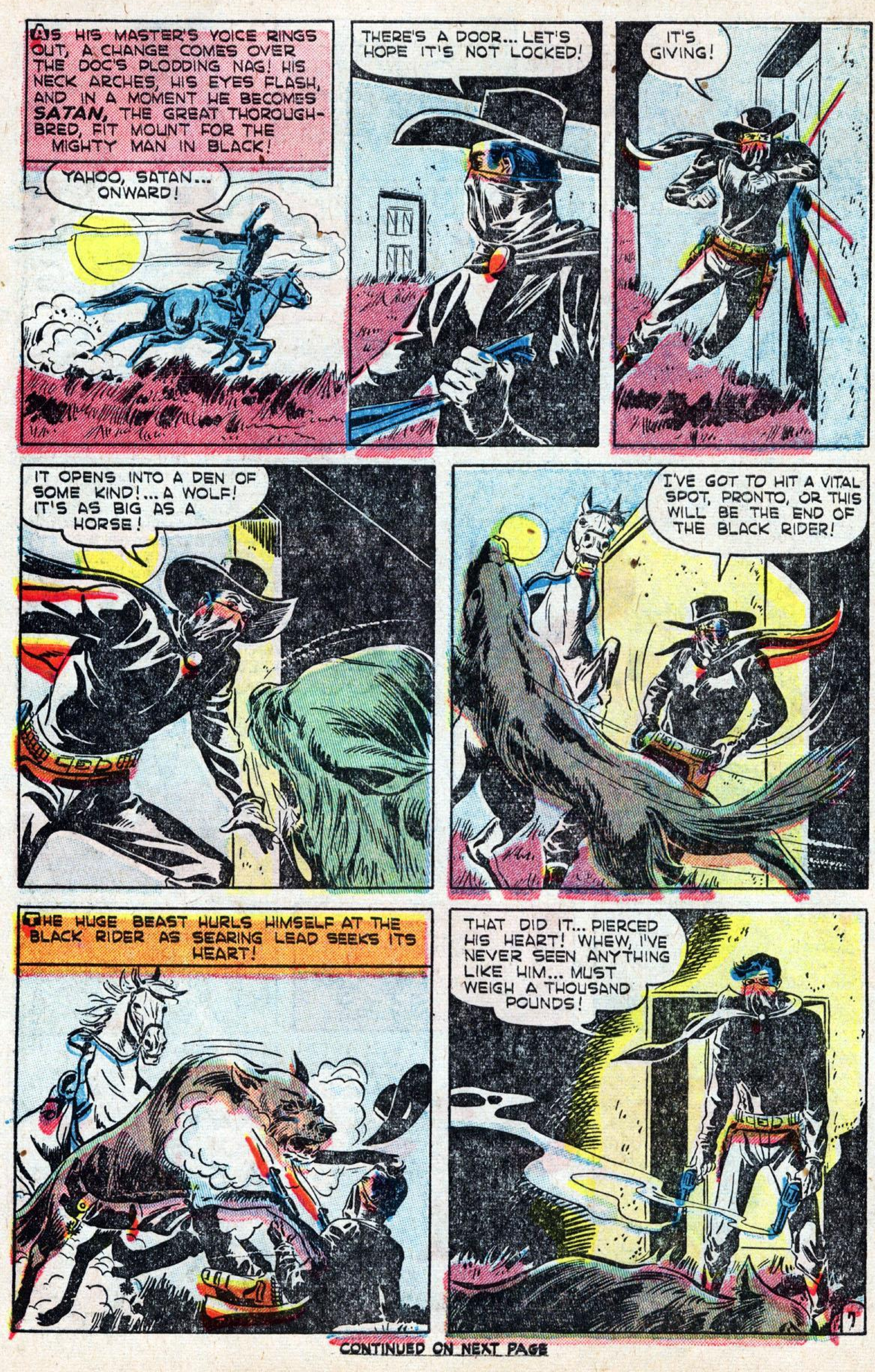

THE PROFESSOR HURRIES HOME, EMBITTERED, AND EAGER TO BE GONE OUT OF REACH OF HIS FORMER ASSOCIATES!
I SHALL TAKE ZUGG, MY FIRST GIANT RAY EXPERIMENT, WITH ME! HAW, I WONDER WHAT THE BOARD WOULD SAY IF THEY KNEW ABOUT HIM!
ZUGG, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
MEN COME FOR YOU... WANT TO BREAK STUFF... ZUGG KILL!
TOO LATE--THEY'RE DEAD! THE BOARD MUST HAVE HAD THESE MEN READY TO ARREST ME AND DESTROY MY LABORATORY, KNOWING THAT I WOULD REFUSE TO GIVE UP MY EXPERIMENTS! NOW I MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY... VANISH COMPLETELY!
I'LL TAKE WITH ME ONLY MY NOTEBOOKS AND A FEW VITAL PIECES OF MY RAY-SCOPE! WHATEVER ELSE I NEED I CAN BUY AND BUILD, ONCE I HAVE VANISHED INTO THE PLAINS COUNTRY!
HELP ME DISMANTLE THIS APPARATUS, ZUGG! YOU ARE GOING TO BE THE PROBLEM, ZUGG... HOW TO TAKE YOU WITH ME! SOMEHOW I'LL MANAGE... I CAN'T LEAVE BEHIND THE FIRST LIVING PROOF THAT MY GIANT RAY TURNS MEN INTO GIANTS, AT THE SAME TIME AS IT TURNS THEM INTO SLAVISH MORONS!
AS THE SHADOWS OF NIGHT FALL, THE SCIENTIST AND HIS MONSTROUS COMPANION STEAL AWAY FROM THE CITY AND HEAD WEST, TOWARD THE GREAT PLAINS AND THE OBLIVION OF THE PRAIRIE!

SIX MONTHS LATER, IN THE LITTLE WESTERN TOWN OF LEADVILLE, NEAR THE BORDER...
THANKS, DOC, YOU SURE DID A NIFTY JOB ON THIS CHEEK OF MINE! SAY, HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THAT NEW NEIGHBOR OF OURS?
YES, I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM BUT HAVEN'T MET HIM YET, JIM!
HE SETTLED A FEW MILES FROM MY BOSS'S SPREAD, THE LATHROP RANCH! BUILT THE DANGDEST PLACE YOU EVER SEEN, WITH A BIG HIGH WALL AROUND IT, AND DON'T WELCOME VISITORS... NOT THAT ANY OF THE BOYS WOULD GO NEAR IT... TOO MANY STRANGE SOUNDS AND FUNNY LIGHTS!
McCREEDY'S
GENERAL STORE
BOOTS
SADDLES
GROCER
HEY, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL... HERE COMES THAT JASPER, PROFESSOR CHALIS, NOW! AND LOOK WHO HE'S RIDIN' WITH-- THE BOSS'S DAUGHTER, MARIE!
IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE MEETING AND RIDING WITH YOU, MARIE!
I'VE ENJOYED IT TOO, PROFESSOR-- DROP BY THE RANCH ANY TIME!
THE SMILE MARIE LATHROP GIVES THE PROFESSOR EATS INTO THE HEART OF DOCTOR MASTERS! HE WEARS HIS HEART ON HIS SLEEVE FOR THIS GIRL, WHO DISDAINS HIM BECAUSE OF HIS SEEMING LACK OF COURAGE-- THE MEASURE OF A MAN'S WORTH IN THE WEST!
HOW DID YOU MEET UP WITH HIM, MISS MARIE?
HE CAME TO THE RANCH YESTERDAY TO GET A YOUNG WOLF THE BOYS HAD CAUGHT... TO USE IN SOME KIND OF EXPERIMENT!
ALOON
HE SEEMS TO BE A STRANGE MAN, MARIE! PERHAPS YOU SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM BEFORE YOU GO RIDING WITH HIM!
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT HIM! HE'S HANDSOME AND INTERESTING... DIFFERENT FROM THE MEN AROUND HERE! ANYHOW, WHO ARE YOU TO TELL ME WHO TO RIDE WITH, DOCTOR MATHEW MASTERS?


YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT, MARIE!
DON'T SAY IT! DOC, YOU'RE ALL RIGHT IN YOUR OWN WAY, I SUPPOSE, BUT WHEN I FALL IN LOVE, IT WILL BE WITH A REAL MAN OF ACTION AND GREAT COURAGE, A MAN LIKE... THE BLACK RIDER!
I'D FOLLOW THE BLACK RIDER TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH... IF HE'D ONLY STAY! BUT HE ALWAYS VANISHES INTO THE NIGHT, LIKE THE GHOST OF ALL THE GREAT FIGHTING MEN SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN!
MARIE, CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I'M A MAN OF PEACE... THAT MY LIFE IS DEDICATED TO CURING... NOT KILLING!
NOTHING IS AN EXCUSE FOR COWARDICE!
HERE COMES YOUR BROTHER BOBBY, MISS MARIE-- FROM THE WAY HE'S RIDING, SOMETHING'S WRONG!
DAD'S PRIZE BRAHMA BULLS WERE RUSTLED LAST NIGHT... JUST FOUND IT OUT! YOU'D BETTER GET BACK TO THE RANCH PRONTO, JIM! DAD'S BOILIN' MAD!
I'LL RIDE BACK WITH YOU, JACK!
CAFE
GEE, DOC, THOSE TWO BULLS JUST PLUMB VANISHED... ALMOST AS THOUGH THEY FLEW AWAY! LOOKS LIKE THIS MIGHT BE A JOB FOR THE BLACK RIDER!
IT MIGHT BE, BOBBY!... WELL, I HAVE TO RIDE OUT TO SEE SOME PATIENTS!
FEED
A FEW MINUTES LATER, MEEK DOC MASTERS RIDES OUT OF TOWN ON HIS FAMILIAR OLD WHITE NAG!
DOC'S RIDING TOWARD THE RANCH... OR THE PROFESSOR'S PLACE! 'COURSE HE MIGHT BE GOING TO TURN OFF... BUT I'VE GOT A HUNCH HE'S UP TO SOMETHING! GEE, IF MARIE KNEW WHAT I DO ABOUT THE DOC, SHE'D SURE CHANGE HER TUNE!


I HOPE I CAN FIND THE TRACKS OF THOSE BRAHMA BULLS BEFORE IT GETS TOO DARK TO SEE!
HERE ARE THE TRACKS, AND... THIS IS AMAZING! THERE'S THE MARKS OF THE ANIMALS' BODIES, AS THOUGH THEY'D BEEN THROWN, AND HERE... MONSTROUS HUMAN FOOTPRINTS, AS THOUGH MADE BY A GIANT OF INHUMAN SIZE!
THERE'S A DOUBLE SET OF FOOTPRINTS, AND THEY SINK DEEP INTO THE GROUND! IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE BUT THE TRACKS SHOW THAT THE GIANT MADE TWO TRIPS UP AND BACK, EACH TIME CARRYING ONE OF THE BULLS AWAY!
CAREFULLY FOLLOWING THE GIGANTIC TRACKS, DOC COMES UPON A WEIRD DWELLING... AS NIGHT FLOODS THE PLAINS WITH DARKNESS!
THIS MUST BE PROFESSOR CHALIS' PLACE! THE TRACKS LEAD RIGHT TO IT! I GUESS BOBBY WAS RIGHT... THIS IS A JOB FOR THE BLACK RIDER! AND SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS IS GOING TO BE THE STRANGEST, MOST DANGEROUS ADVENTURE HE'S EVER TACKLED!
DOC MASTERS RIPS OFF HIS GLASSES AND FROM HIS CARPET BAG PRODUCES A BLACK CAPE, MASK, BOOTS AND TWIN BLACK GUNS!
QUICKLY HE DONS THE BLACK RAIMENT, AND THEN... GONE IS THE TIMID, MEEK, DOCTOR AND IN HIS PLACE STANDS... THE BLACK RIDER, MOST FAMOUS FIGHTING MAN OF THE GREAT SOUTHWEST!
SATAN... RIDE, YOU GREAT WHITE STALLION!


AS HIS MASTER'S VOICE RINGS OUT, A CHANGE COMES OVER THE DOC'S PLODDING NAG! HIS NECK ARCHES, HIS EYES FLASH, AND IN A MOMENT HE BECOMES **SATAN**, THE GREAT THOROUGHBRED, FIT MOUNT FOR THE MIGHTY MAN IN BLACK!
YAHOO, SATAN... ONWARD!
THERE'S A DOOR... LET'S HOPE IT'S NOT LOCKED!
IT'S GIVING!
IT OPENS INTO A DEN OF SOME KIND!... A WOLF! IT'S AS BIG AS A HORSE!
I'VE GOT TO HIT A VITAL SPOT, PRONTO, OR THIS WILL BE THE END OF THE BLACK RIDER!
THE HUGE BEAST HURLS HIMSELF AT THE BLACK RIDER AS SEARING LEAD SEEKS ITS HEART!
THAT DID IT... PIERCED HIS HEART! WHEW, I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE HIM... MUST WEIGH A THOUSAND POUNDS!
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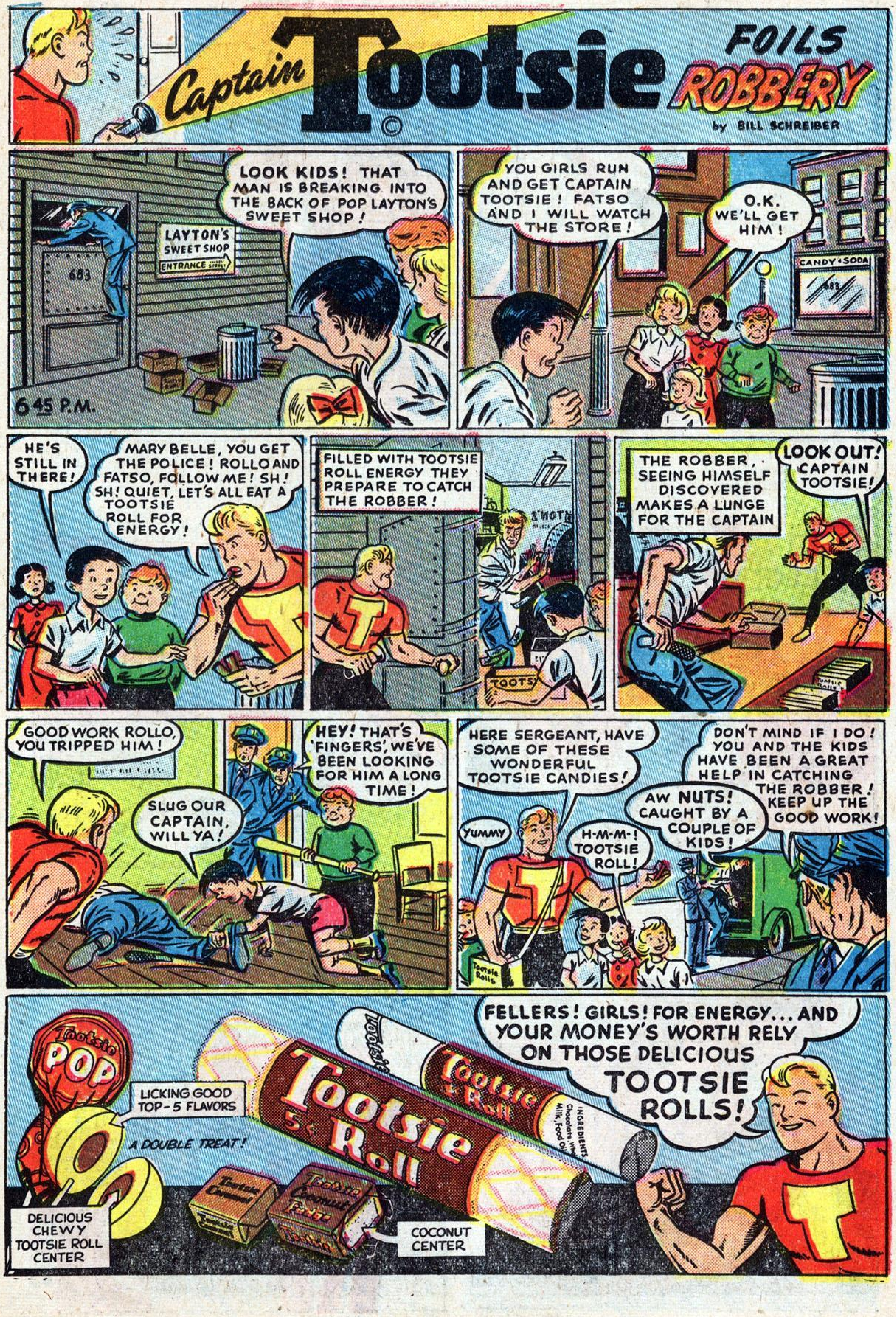
LOOK KIDS! THAT MAN IS BREAKING INTO THE BACK OF POP LAYTON'S SWEET SHOP!
LAYTON'S SWEET SHOP
ENTRANCE
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6 45 P.M.
YOU GIRLS RUN AND GET CAPTAIN TOOTSIE! FATSO AND I WILL WATCH THE STORE!
O.K. WE'LL GET HIM!
CANDY & SODA
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HE'S STILL IN THERE!
MARY BELLE, YOU GET THE POLICE! ROLLO AND FATSO, FOLLOW ME! SH! SH! QUIET, LET'S ALL EAT A TOOTSIE ROLL FOR ENERGY!
FILLED WITH TOOTSIE ROLL ENERGY THEY PREPARE TO CATCH THE ROBBER!
TOOTS
THE ROBBER, SEEING HIMSELF DISCOVERED MAKES A LUNGE FOR THE CAPTAIN
LOOK OUT! CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!
TOOTSIE ROLLS
GOOD WORK ROLLO, YOU TRIPPED HIM!
SLUG OUR CAPTAIN, WILL YA!
HEY! THAT'S 'FINGERS', WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM A LONG TIME!
HERE SERGEANT, HAVE SOME OF THESE WONDERFUL TOOTSIE CANDIES!
YUMMY
H-M-M-! TOOTSIE ROLL!
AW NUTS! CAUGHT BY A COUPLE OF KIDS!
DON'T MIND IF I DO! YOU AND THE KIDS HAVE BEEN A GREAT HELP IN CATCHING THE ROBBER! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
Tootsie Rolls
FELLERS! GIRLS! FOR ENERGY... AND YOUR MONEY'S WORTH RELY ON THOSE DELICIOUS TOOTSIE ROLLS!
Tootsie POP
LICKING GOOD TOP-5 FLAVORS
A DOUBLE TREAT!
Tootsie 5¢ Roll
Tootsie Roll
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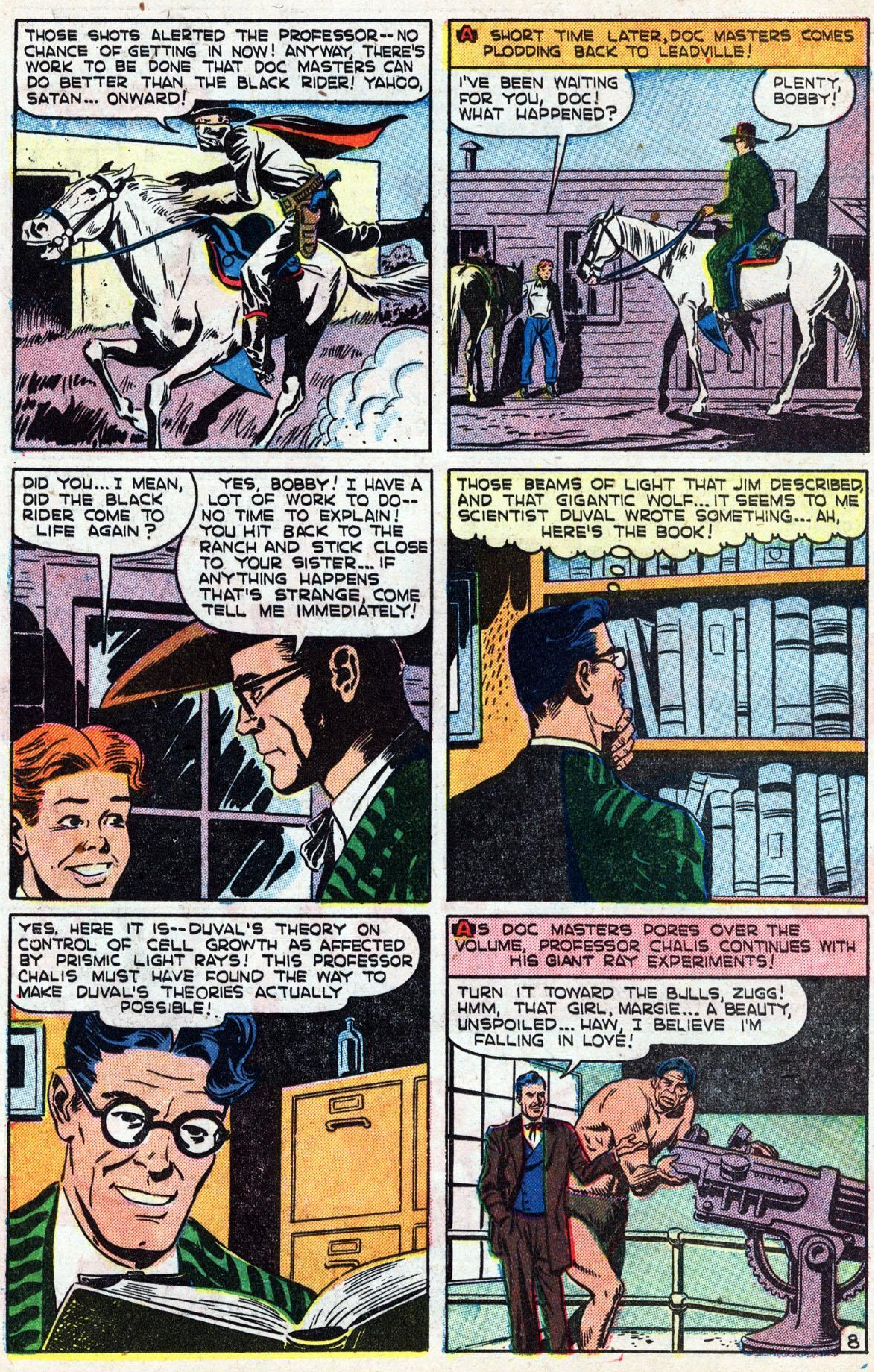
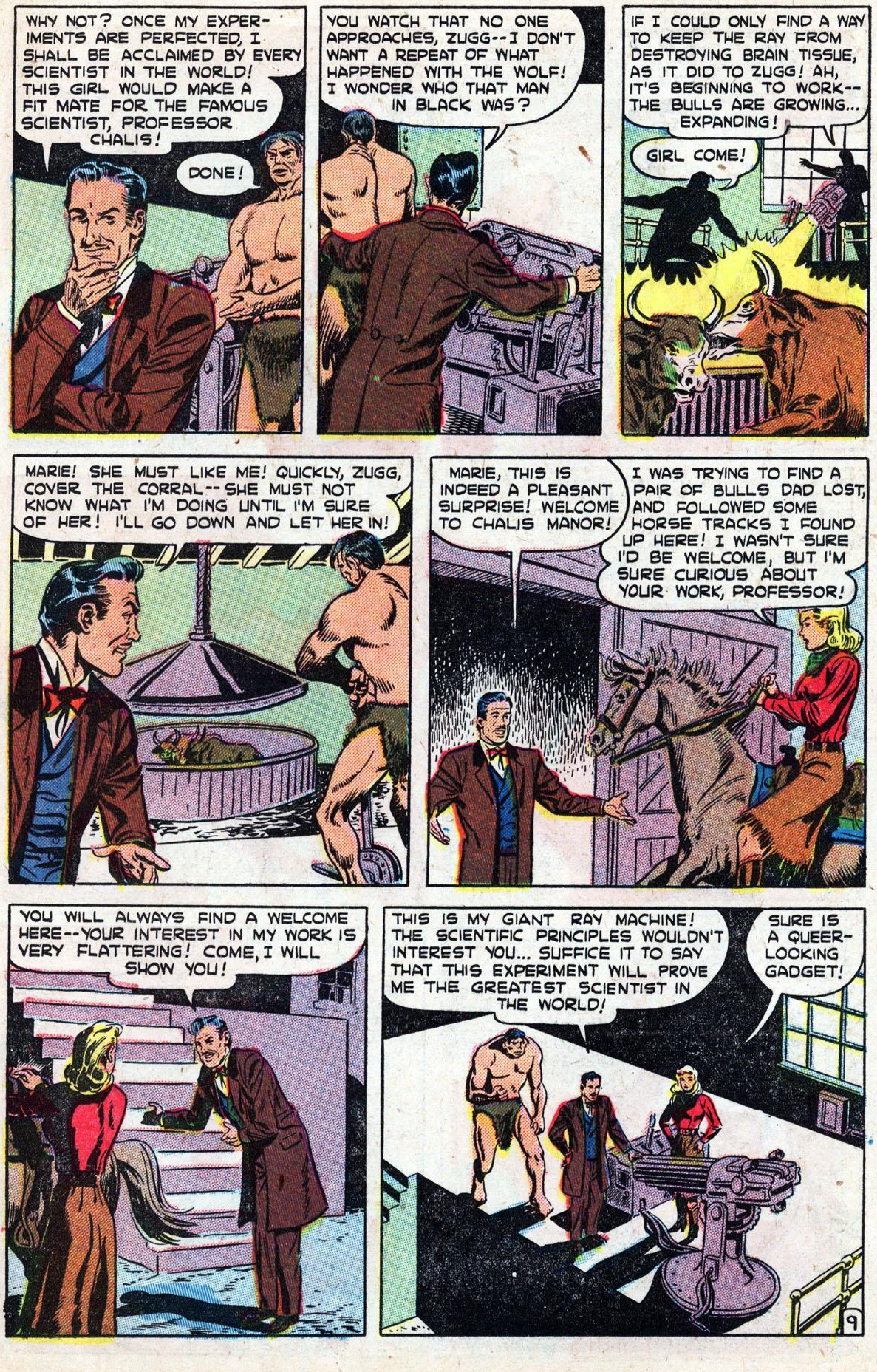
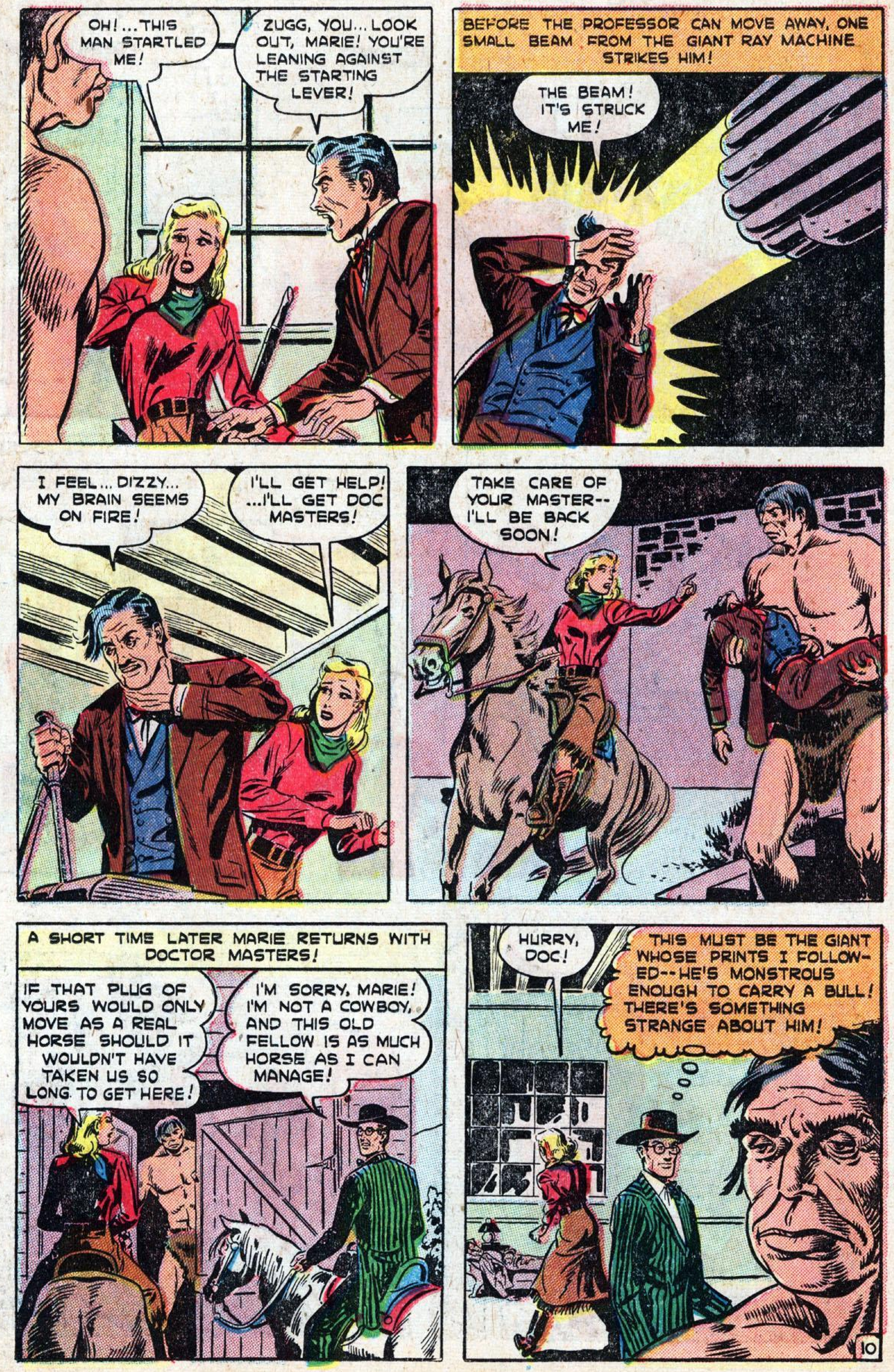
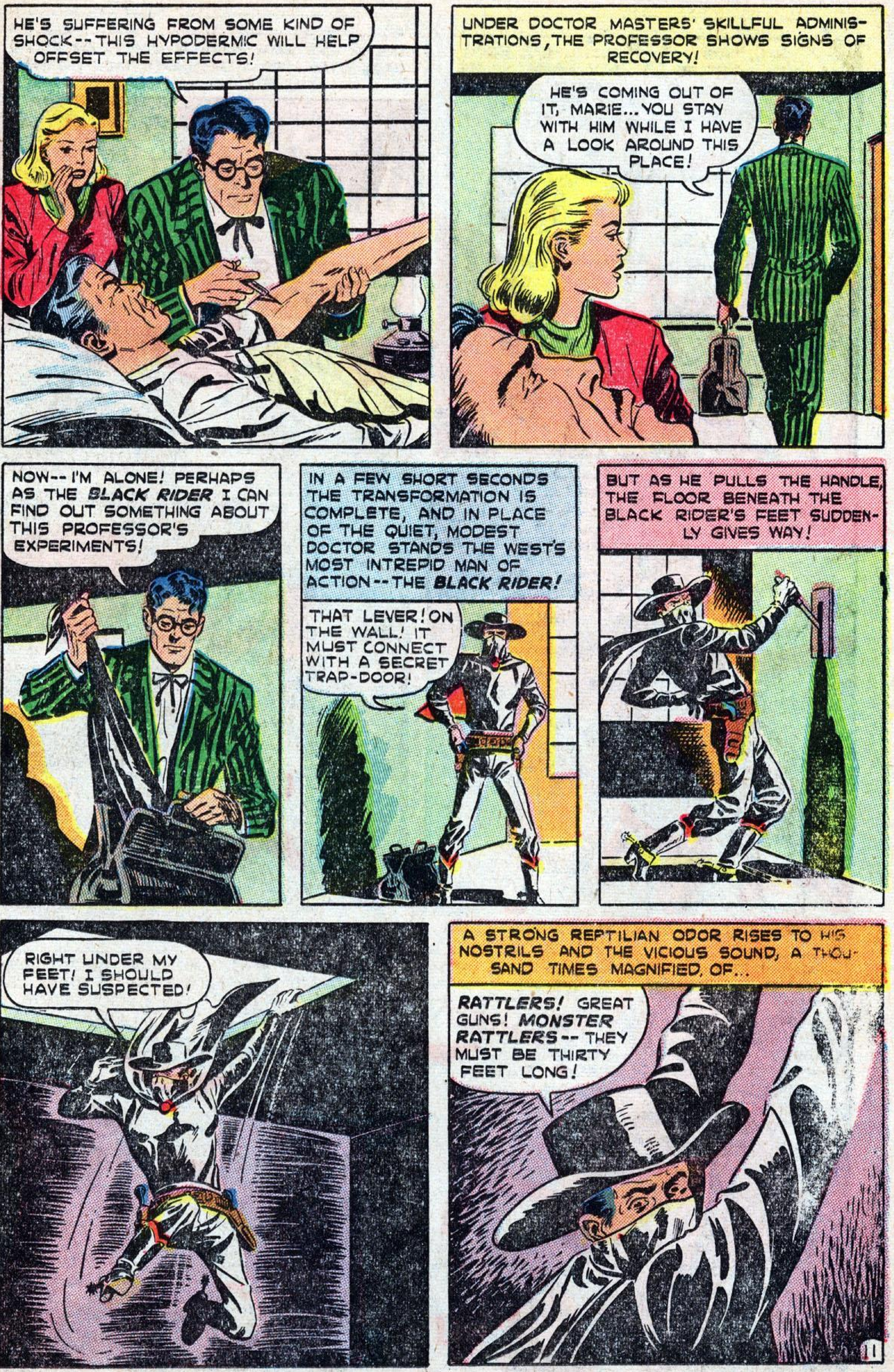
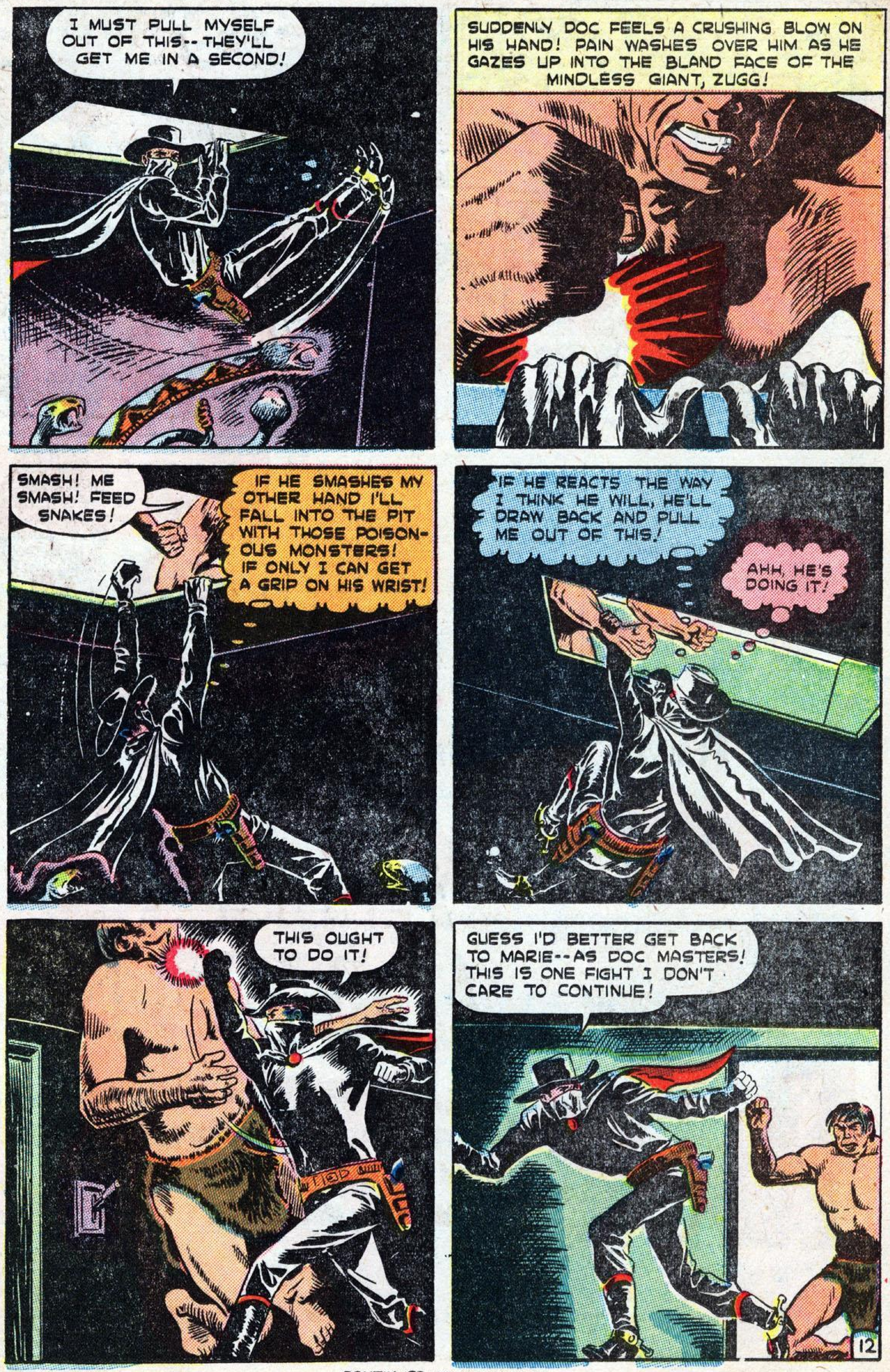

THOSE SHOTS ALERTED THE PROFESSOR-- NO CHANCE OF GETTING IN NOW! ANYWAY, THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE THAT DOC MASTERS CAN DO BETTER THAN THE BLACK RIDER! YAHOO, SATAN... ONWARD!
A SHORT TIME LATER, DOC MASTERS COMES PLODDING BACK TO LEADVILLE!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, DOC! WHAT HAPPENED?
PLENTY, BOBBY!
DID YOU... I MEAN, DID THE BLACK RIDER COME TO LIFE AGAIN?
YES, BOBBY! I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO-- NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! YOU HIT BACK TO THE RANCH AND STICK CLOSE TO YOUR SISTER... IF ANYTHING HAPPENS THAT'S STRANGE, COME TELL ME IMMEDIATELY!
THOSE BEAMS OF LIGHT THAT JIM DESCRIBED, AND THAT GIGANTIC WOLF... IT SEEMS TO ME SCIENTIST DUVAL WROTE SOMETHING... AH, HERE'S THE BOOK!
YES. HERE IT IS--DUVAL'S THEORY ON CONTROL OF CELL GROWTH AS AFFECTED BY PRISMIC LIGHT RAYS! THIS PROFESSOR CHALIS MUST HAVE FOUND THE WAY TO MAKE DUVAL'S THEORIES ACTUALLY POSSIBLE!
AS DOC MASTERS PORES OVER THE VOLUME, PROFESSOR CHALIS CONTINUES WITH HIS GIANT RAY EXPERIMENTS!
TURN IT TOWARD THE BULLS, ZUGG! HMM, THAT GIRL, MARGIE... A BEAUTY, UNSPOILED... HAW, I BELIEVE I'M FALLING IN LOVE!


WHY NOT? ONCE MY EXPERIMENTS ARE PERFECTED, I SHALL BE ACCLAIMED BY EVERY SCIENTIST IN THE WORLD! THIS GIRL WOULD MAKE A FIT MATE FOR THE FAMOUS SCIENTIST, PROFESSOR CHALIS!
DONE!
YOU WATCH THAT NO ONE APPROACHES, ZUGG--I DON'T WANT A REPEAT OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE WOLF! I WONDER WHO THAT MAN IN BLACK WAS?
IF I COULD ONLY FIND A WAY TO KEEP THE RAY FROM DESTROYING BRAIN TISSUE, AS IT DID TO ZUGG! AH, IT'S BEGINNING TO WORK--THE BULLS ARE GROWING... EXPANDING!
GIRL COME!
MARIE! SHE MUST LIKE ME! QUICKLY, ZUGG, COVER THE CORRAL--SHE MUST NOT KNOW WHAT I'M DOING UNTIL I'M SURE OF HER! I'LL GO DOWN AND LET HER IN!
MARIE, THIS IS INDEED A PLEASANT SURPRISE! WELCOME TO CHALIS MANOR!
I WAS TRYING TO FIND A PAIR OF BULLS DAD LOST, AND FOLLOWED SOME HORSE TRACKS I FOUND UP HERE! I WASN'T SURE I'D BE WELCOME, BUT I'M SURE CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR WORK, PROFESSOR!
YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND A WELCOME HERE--YOUR INTEREST IN MY WORK IS VERY FLATTERING! COME, I WILL SHOW YOU!
THIS IS MY GIANT RAY MACHINE! THE SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES WOULDN'T INTEREST YOU... SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT THIS EXPERIMENT WILL PROVE ME THE GREATEST SCIENTIST IN THE WORLD!
SURE IS A QUEER-LOOKING GADGET!


OH! ... THIS MAN STARTLED ME!
ZUGG, YOU... LOOK OUT, MARIE! YOU'RE LEANING AGAINST THE STARTING LEVER!
BEFORE THE PROFESSOR CAN MOVE AWAY, ONE SMALL BEAM FROM THE GIANT RAY MACHINE STRIKES HIM!
THE BEAM! IT'S STRUCK ME!
I FEEL... DIZZY... MY BRAIN SEEMS ON FIRE!
I'LL GET HELP! ...I'LL GET DOC MASTERS!
TAKE CARE OF YOUR MASTER-- I'LL BE BACK SOON!
A SHORT TIME LATER MARIE RETURNS WITH DOCTOR MASTERS!
IF THAT PLUG OF YOURS WOULD ONLY MOVE AS A REAL HORSE SHOULD IT WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN US SO LONG TO GET HERE!
I'M SORRY, MARIE! I'M NOT A COWBOY, AND THIS OLD FELLOW IS AS MUCH HORSE AS I CAN MANAGE!
HURRY, DOC!
THIS MUST BE THE GIANT WHOSE PRINTS I FOLLOWED--HE'S MONSTROUS ENOUGH TO CARRY A BULL! THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT HIM!


HE'S SUFFERING FROM SOME KIND OF SHOCK-- THIS HYPODERMIC WILL HELP OFFSET THE EFFECTS!
UNDER DOCTOR MASTERS' SKILLFUL ADMINISTRATIONS, THE PROFESSOR SHOWS SIGNS OF RECOVERY!
HE'S COMING OUT OF IT, MARIE... YOU STAY WITH HIM WHILE I HAVE A LOOK AROUND THIS PLACE!
NOW-- I'M ALONE! PERHAPS AS THE ***BLACK RIDER*** I CAN FIND OUT SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROFESSOR'S EXPERIMENTS!
IN A FEW SHORT SECONDS THE TRANSFORMATION IS COMPLETE, AND IN PLACE OF THE QUIET, MODEST DOCTOR STANDS THE WEST'S MOST INTREPID MAN OF ACTION -- THE ***BLACK RIDER!***
THAT LEVER! ON THE WALL! IT MUST CONNECT WITH A SECRET TRAP-DOOR!
BUT AS HE PULLS THE HANDLE, THE FLOOR BENEATH THE BLACK RIDER'S FEET SUDDENLY GIVES WAY!
RIGHT UNDER MY FEET! I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED!
A STRONG REPTILIAN ODOR RISES TO HIS NOSTRILS AND THE VICIOUS SOUND, A THOUSAND TIMES MAGNIFIED, OF...
RATTLERS! GREAT GUNS! ***MONSTER RATTLERS*** -- THEY MUST BE THIRTY FEET LONG!


I MUST PULL MYSELF OUT OF THIS-- THEY'LL GET ME IN A SECOND!
SUDDENLY DOC FEELS A CRUSHING BLOW ON HIS HAND! PAIN WASHES OVER HIM AS HE GAZES UP INTO THE BLAND FACE OF THE MINDLESS GIANT, ZUGG!
SMASH! ME SMASH! FEED SNAKES!
IF HE SMASHES MY OTHER HAND I'LL FALL INTO THE PIT WITH THOSE POISONOUS MONSTERS! IF ONLY I CAN GET A GRIP ON HIS WRIST!
IF HE REACTS THE WAY I THINK HE WILL, HE'LL DRAW BACK AND PULL ME OUT OF THIS!
AHH, HE'S DOING IT!
THIS OUGHT TO DO IT!
GUESS I'D BETTER GET BACK TO MARIE--AS DOC MASTERS! THIS IS ONE FIGHT I DON'T CARE TO CONTINUE!
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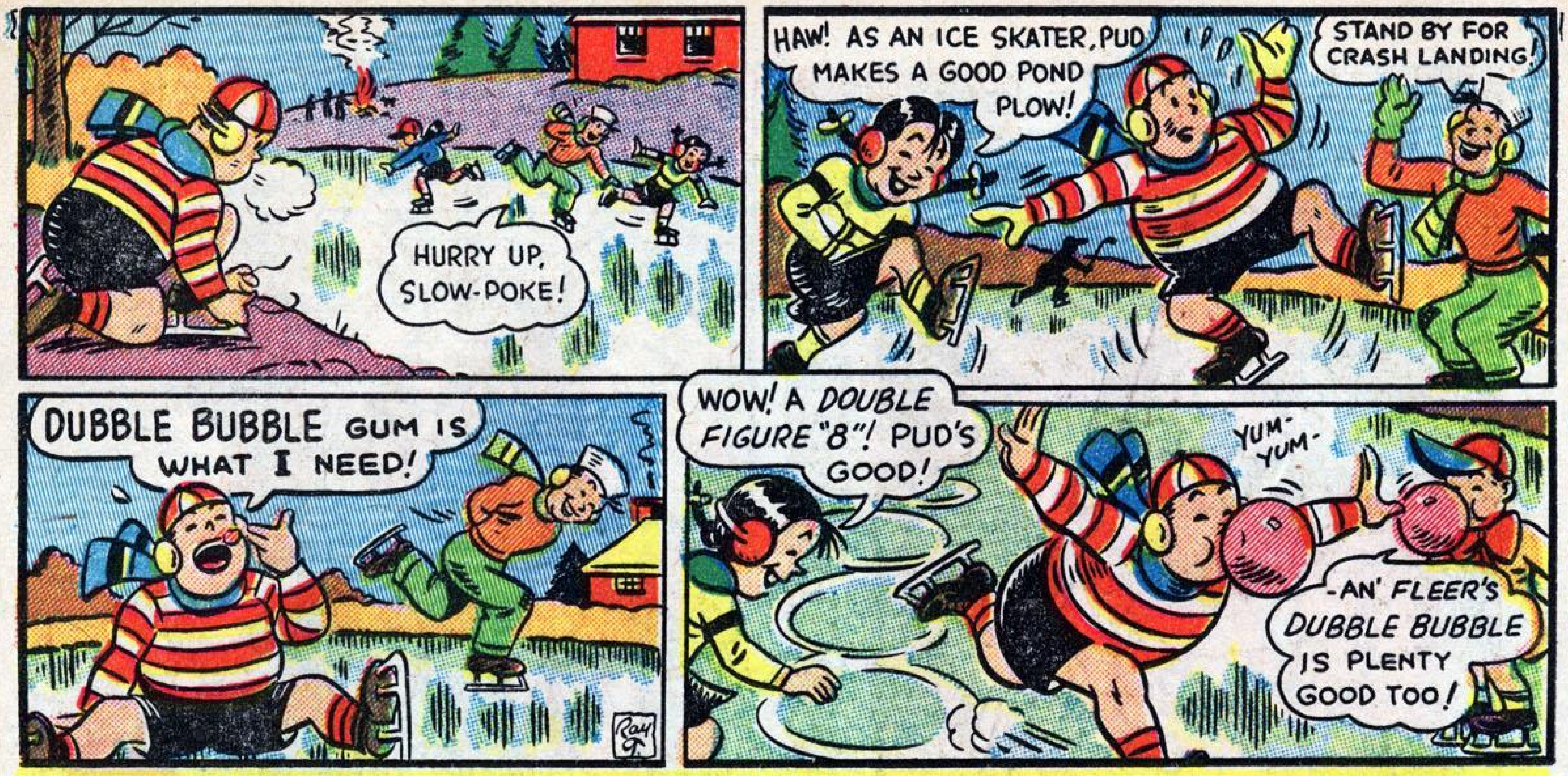
HURRY UP, SLOW-POKE!
HAW! AS AN ICE SKATER, PUD MAKES A GOOD POND PLOW!
STAND BY FOR CRASH LANDING!
DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM IS WHAT I NEED!
WOW! A DOUBLE FIGURE "8"! PUD'S GOOD!
YUM-YUM-
-AN' FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE IS PLENTY GOOD TOO!

POP!
FLEERS DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM

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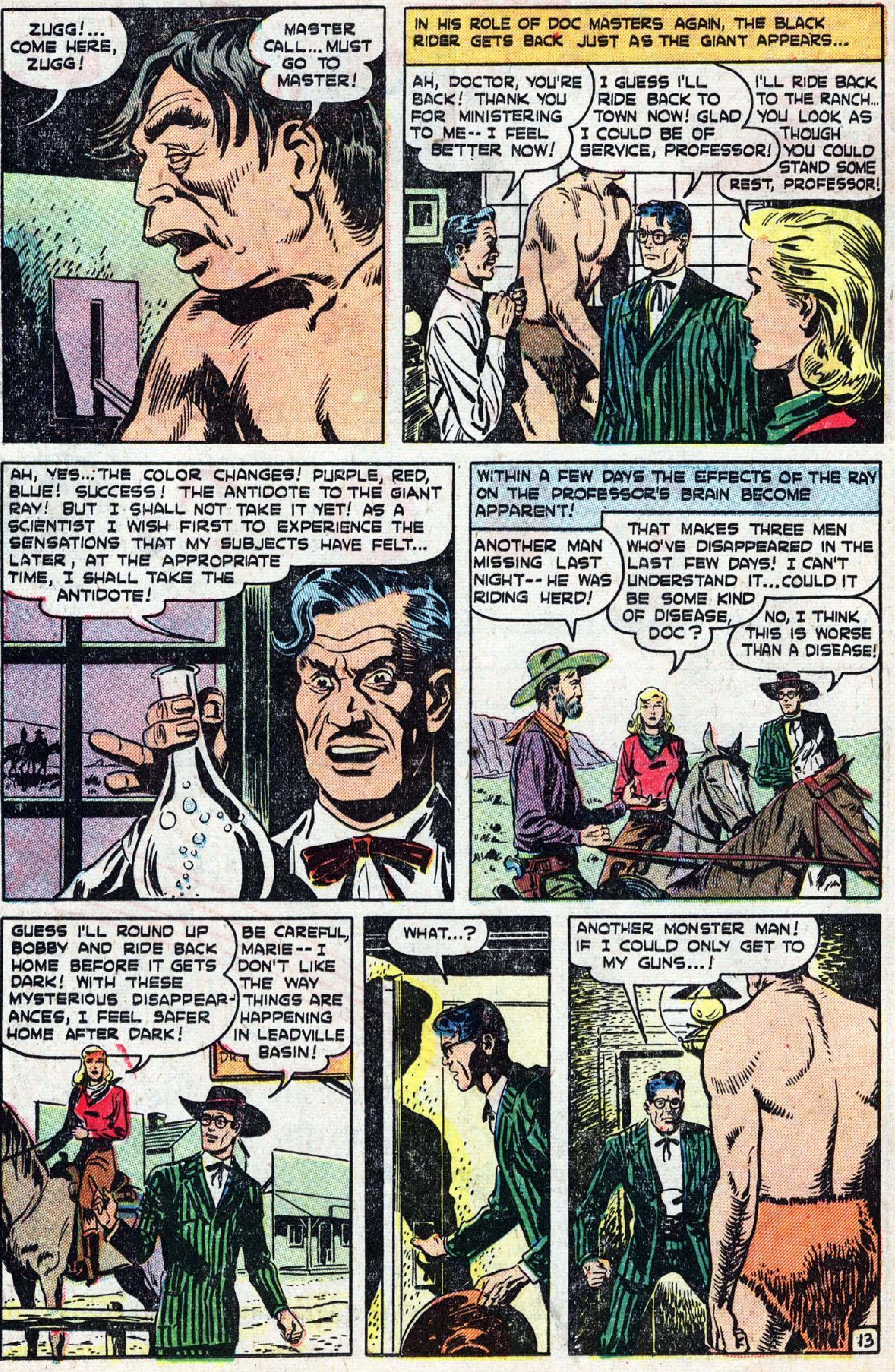
ZUGG!... COME HERE, ZUGG!
MASTER CALL... MUST GO TO MASTER!
IN HIS ROLE OF DOC MASTERS AGAIN, THE BLACK RIDER GETS BACK JUST AS THE GIANT APPEARS...
AH, DOCTOR, YOU'RE BACK! THANK YOU FOR MINISTERING TO ME-- I FEEL BETTER NOW!
I GUESS I'LL RIDE BACK TO TOWN NOW! GLAD I COULD BE OF SERVICE, PROFESSOR!
I'LL RIDE BACK TO THE RANCH... YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU COULD STAND SOME REST, PROFESSOR!
AH, YES...THE COLOR CHANGES! PURPLE, RED, BLUE! SUCCESS! THE ANTIDOTE TO THE GIANT RAY! BUT I SHALL NOT TAKE IT YET! AS A SCIENTIST I WISH FIRST TO EXPERIENCE THE SENSATIONS THAT MY SUBJECTS HAVE FELT... LATER, AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, I SHALL TAKE THE ANTIDOTE!
WITHIN A FEW DAYS THE EFFECTS OF THE RAY ON THE PROFESSOR'S BRAIN BECOME APPARENT!
ANOTHER MAN MISSING LAST NIGHT-- HE WAS RIDING HERD!
THAT MAKES THREE MEN WHO'VE DISAPPEARED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT... COULD IT BE SOME KIND OF DISEASE, DOC?
NO, I THINK THIS IS WORSE THAN A DISEASE!
GUESS I'LL ROUND UP BOBBY AND RIDE BACK HOME BEFORE IT GETS DARK! WITH THESE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES, I FEEL SAFER HOME AFTER DARK!
BE CAREFUL, MARIE-- I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN LEADVILLE BASIN!
WHAT...?
ANOTHER MONSTER MAN! IF I COULD ONLY GET TO MY GUNS...!
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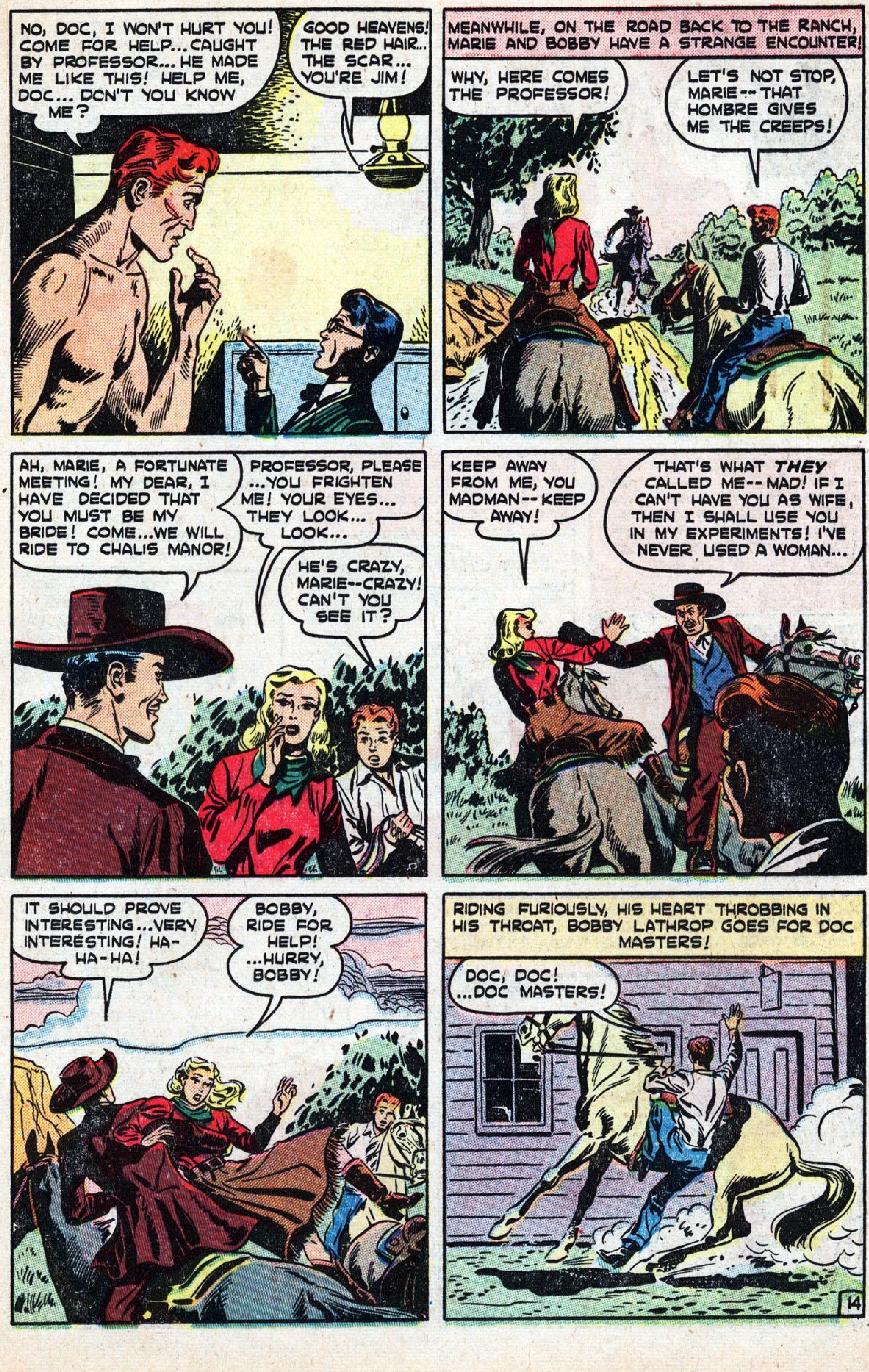
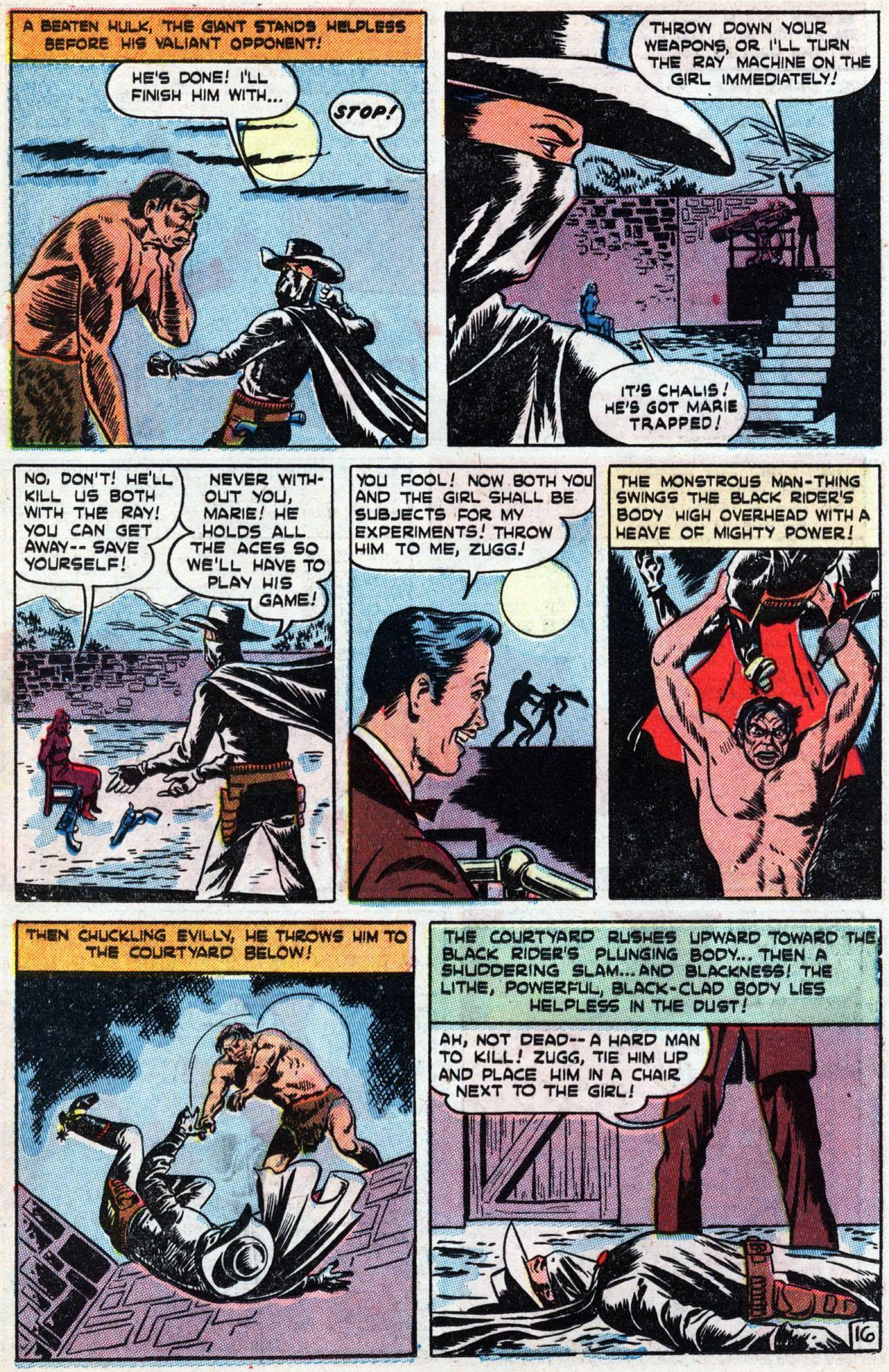
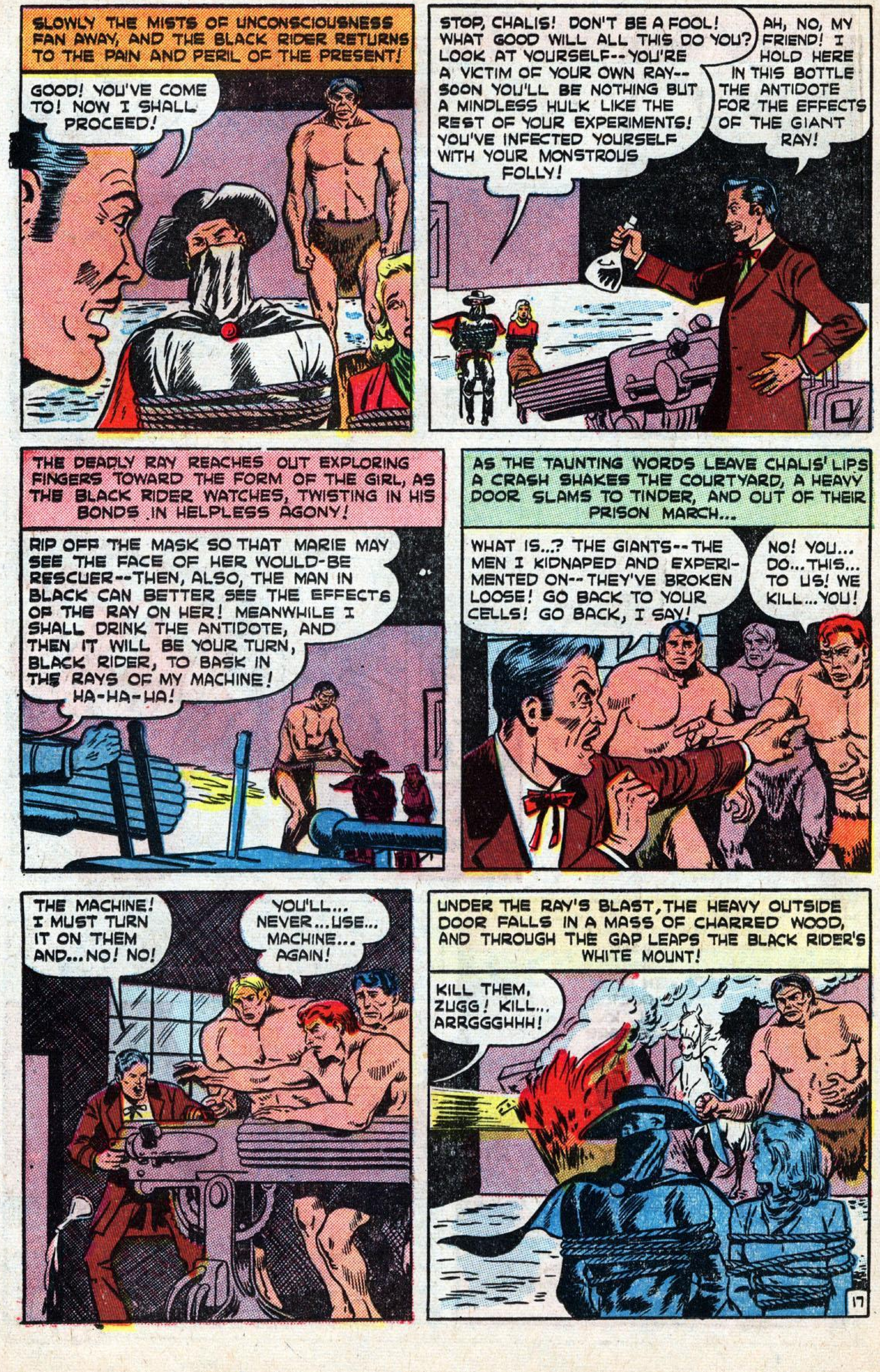
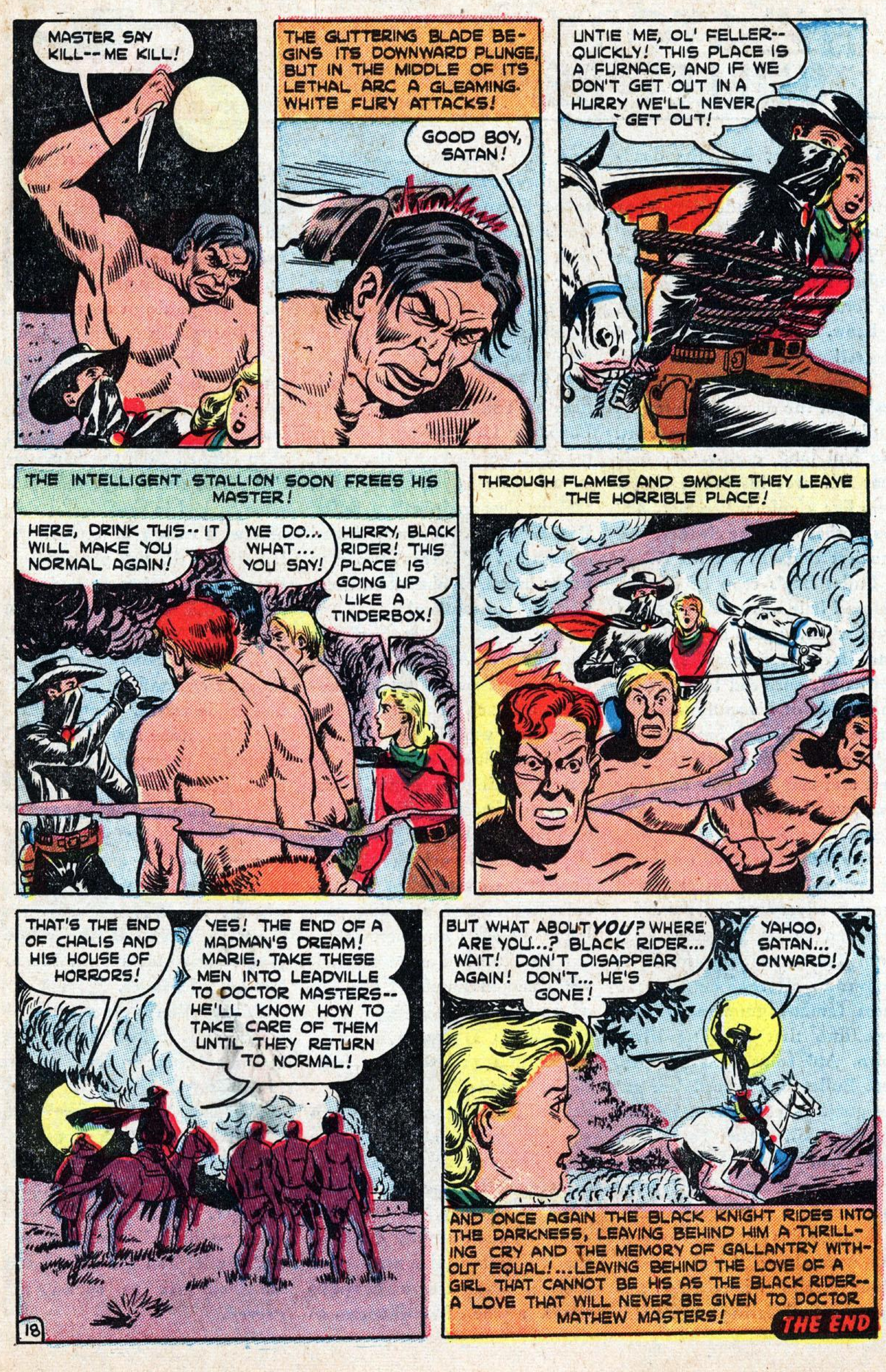

NO, DOC, I WON'T HURT YOU! COME FOR HELP... CAUGHT BY PROFESSOR... HE MADE ME LIKE THIS! HELP ME, DOC... DON'T YOU KNOW ME?
GOOD HEAVENS! THE RED HAIR... THE SCAR... YOU'RE JIM!
MEANWHILE, ON THE ROAD BACK TO THE RANCH, MARIE AND BOBBY HAVE A STRANGE ENCOUNTER!
WHY, HERE COMES THE PROFESSOR!
LET'S NOT STOP, MARIE -- THAT HOMBRE GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
AH, MARIE, A FORTUNATE MEETING! MY DEAR, I HAVE DECIDED THAT YOU MUST BE MY BRIDE! COME... WE WILL RIDE TO CHALIS MANOR!
PROFESSOR, PLEASE ...YOU FRIGHTEN ME! YOUR EYES... THEY LOOK... LOOK...
HE'S CRAZY, MARIE--CRAZY! CAN'T YOU SEE IT?
KEEP AWAY FROM ME, YOU MADMAN -- KEEP AWAY!
THAT'S WHAT *THEY* CALLED ME -- MAD! IF I CAN'T HAVE YOU AS WIFE, THEN I SHALL USE YOU IN MY EXPERIMENTS! I'VE NEVER USED A WOMAN...
IT SHOULD PROVE INTERESTING... VERY INTERESTING! HA-HA-HA!
BOBBY, RIDE FOR HELP! ...HURRY, BOBBY!
RIDING FURIOUSLY, HIS HEART THROBBING IN HIS THROAT, BOBBY LATHROP GOES FOR DOC MASTERS!
DOC, DOC! ...DOC MASTERS!

OMENTS AFTER THE DEFORMED GIANT, JIM, EAVES TO RETURN TO HIS PRISON, DOC HAS NOTHER CALLER!
OC! MARIE WAS APTURED BY THE PROFESSOR! DOC, HE'S CRAZY... HE SAID HE'S GOING TO USE HER FOR AN EXPERIMENT!
WHAT!? COME IN, BOBBY! THE BLACK RIDER WILL SETTLE THIS BUSINESS TONIGHT!
IN A MOMENT THE MIRACLE HAS BEEN PERFORMED... THE MIRACLE THAT CHANGES THE MEEK, TIMID DOCTOR INTO THE STEEL-SINEWED BLACK RIDER!
WAIT HERE FOR ME, BOBBY! IF I'M NOT BACK IN TWO HOURS, ROUSE THE MEN FROM THE RANCH AND COME AFTER ME! MARIE MUST BE SAVED FROM THAT FIEND AT ANY COST!
SWIFTLY THE MILES VANISH UNDER THE THUNDERING HOOFS OF THE SUPERSTALLION! THEN, SOFTLY, THE BLACK RIDER TRAVERSES THE LAST HUNDRED YARDS TO THE WALL SURROUNDING DOCTOR CHALIS' FORTRESS AND PREPARES TO ENTER!
YOU STAY HERE, SATAN-- I'LL TRY TO GET IN WITHOUT BEING DETECTED!
LITHELY THE MAN IN BLACK CLIMBS THE LARIAT... IN THE OMINOUS SILENCE THAT SURROUNDS THE DEADLY PLACE!
THINGS ARE TOO QUIET... I DON'T LIKE IT!
THEN SUDDENLY, AS HE REACHES THE TOP OF THE WALL, HUGE ARMS REACH OUT TO SEIZE HIM AND THE BREATH OF THE MAN-MONSTER FOULLY FANS HIS FACE!
A QUICK, LIGHTNING-LIKE TWIST AND THE BLACK RIDER IS FREE! THEN SILENTLY, THERE ON THE WALL, MAN AND BEAST-MAN ENGAGE IN AWFUL COMBAT!
FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE, AND THE LIFE OF THE WOMAN HE LOVES, GIVES ADDED STRENGTH TO THE BLACK RIDER'S ROCK-HARD MUSCLES! WITH A DESPERATE, SLASHING ATTACK HE BEWILDERS THE MINDLESS GIANT!
UGH!
I'VE GOT HIM... GOT HIM GOING! IF I CAN ONLY REACH SOME VITAL POINT... I CAN'T USE MY GUNS... IT WOULD WARN CHALIS OF MY COMING...


A BEATEN HULK, THE GIANT STANDS HELPLESS BEFORE HIS VALIANT OPPONENT!
HE'S DONE! I'LL FINISH HIM WITH...
STOP!
THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS, OR I'LL TURN THE RAY MACHINE ON THE GIRL IMMEDIATELY!
IT'S CHALIS! HE'S GOT MARIE TRAPPED!
NO, DON'T! HE'LL KILL US BOTH WITH THE RAY! YOU CAN GET AWAY-- SAVE YOURSELF!
NEVER WITHOUT YOU, MARIE! HE HOLDS ALL THE ACES SO WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY HIS GAME!
YOU FOOL! NOW BOTH YOU AND THE GIRL SHALL BE SUBJECTS FOR MY EXPERIMENTS! THROW HIM TO ME, ZUGG!
THE MONSTROUS MAN-THING SWINGS THE BLACK RIDER'S BODY HIGH OVERHEAD WITH A HEAVE OF MIGHTY POWER!
THEN CHUCKLING EVILLY, HE THROWS HIM TO THE COURTYARD BELOW!
THE COURTYARD RUSHES UPWARD TOWARD THE BLACK RIDER'S PLUNGING BODY... THEN A SHUDDERING SLAM... AND BLACKNESS! THE LITHE, POWERFUL, BLACK-CLAD BODY LIES HELPLESS IN THE DUST!
AH, NOT DEAD-- A HARD MAN TO KILL! ZUGG, TIE HIM UP AND PLACE HIM IN A CHAIR NEXT TO THE GIRL!


SLOWLY THE MISTS OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS FAN AWAY, AND THE BLACK RIDER RETURNS TO THE PAIN AND PERIL OF THE PRESENT!
GOOD! YOU'VE COME TO! NOW I SHALL PROCEED!
STOP, CHALIS! DON'T BE A FOOL! WHAT GOOD WILL ALL THIS DO YOU? LOOK AT YOURSELF--YOU'RE A VICTIM OF YOUR OWN RAY--SOON YOU'LL BE NOTHING BUT A MINDLESS HULK LIKE THE REST OF YOUR EXPERIMENTS! YOU'VE INFECTED YOURSELF WITH YOUR MONSTROUS FOLLY!
AH, NO, MY FRIEND! I HOLD HERE IN THIS BOTTLE THE ANTIDOTE FOR THE EFFECTS OF THE GIANT RAY!
THE DEADLY RAY REACHES OUT EXPLORING FINGERS TOWARD THE FORM OF THE GIRL, AS THE BLACK RIDER WATCHES, TWISTING IN HIS BONDS IN HELPLESS AGONY!
RIP OFF THE MASK SO THAT MARIE MAY SEE THE FACE OF HER WOULD-BE RESCUER--THEN, ALSO, THE MAN IN BLACK CAN BETTER SEE THE EFFECTS OF THE RAY ON HER! MEANWHILE I SHALL DRINK THE ANTIDOTE, AND THEN IT WILL BE YOUR TURN, BLACK RIDER, TO BASK IN THE RAYS OF MY MACHINE! HA-HA-HA!
AS THE TAUNTING WORDS LEAVE CHALIS' LIPS A CRASH SHAKES THE COURTYARD, A HEAVY DOOR SLAMS TO TINDER, AND OUT OF THEIR PRISON MARCH...
WHAT IS...? THE GIANTS--THE MEN I KIDNAPED AND EXPERIMENTED ON--THEY'VE BROKEN LOOSE! GO BACK TO YOUR CELLS! GO BACK, I SAY!
NO! YOU... DO...THIS... TO US! WE KILL...YOU!
THE MACHINE! I MUST TURN IT ON THEM AND...NO! NO!
YOU'LL... NEVER...USE... MACHINE... AGAIN!
UNDER THE RAY'S BLAST, THE HEAVY OUTSIDE DOOR FALLS IN A MASS OF CHARRED WOOD, AND THROUGH THE GAP LEAPS THE BLACK RIDER'S WHITE MOUNT!
KILL THEM, ZUGG! KILL... ARRGGGHHH!


MASTER SAY KILL-- ME KILL!
THE GLITTERING BLADE BEGINS ITS DOWNWARD PLUNGE, BUT IN THE MIDDLE OF ITS LETHAL ARC A GLEAMING-WHITE FURY ATTACKS!
GOOD BOY, SATAN!
UNTIE ME, OL' FELLER-- QUICKLY! THIS PLACE IS A FURNACE, AND IF WE DON'T GET OUT IN A HURRY WE'LL NEVER GET OUT!
THE INTELLIGENT STALLION SOON FREES HIS MASTER!
HERE, DRINK THIS-- IT WILL MAKE YOU NORMAL AGAIN!
WE DO... WHAT... YOU SAY!
HURRY, BLACK RIDER! THIS PLACE IS GOING UP LIKE A TINDERBOX!
THROUGH FLAMES AND SMOKE THEY LEAVE THE HORRIBLE PLACE!
THAT'S THE END OF CHALIS AND HIS HOUSE OF HORRORS!
YES! THE END OF A MADMAN'S DREAM! MARIE, TAKE THESE MEN INTO LEADVILLE TO DOCTOR MASTERS-- HE'LL KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THEM UNTIL THEY RETURN TO NORMAL!
BUT WHAT ABOUT *YOU*? WHERE ARE YOU...? BLACK RIDER... WAIT! DON'T DISAPPEAR AGAIN! DON'T... HE'S GONE!
YAHOO, SATAN... ONWARD!
AND ONCE AGAIN THE BLACK KNIGHT RIDES INTO THE DARKNESS, LEAVING BEHIND HIM A THRILLING CRY AND THE MEMORY OF GALLANTRY WITHOUT EQUAL!... LEAVING BEHIND THE LOVE OF A GIRL THAT CANNOT BE HIS AS THE BLACK RIDER-- A LOVE THAT WILL NEVER BE GIVEN TO DOCTOR MATHEW MASTERS!
THE END

THE STORY OF BULLET BEN

"I'M Bullet Ben, the deadliest desperado and outlaw that ever made a pair of six-shooters sing!"

That wuz jes' the way that Bullet Ben introduced himself to Tombstone over 60 years ago. I know, 'cause I wuz thar an' can tell yuh all 'bout Bullet Ben.

This Bullet Ben feller, he wuz jes' 'bout the durn prettiest cuss I did ever squint a peeper at. He had long, corn-yellow hair that fell over his broad shoulders like a golden kerchief. An' his clothes were the cleanest and fanciest duds in all the West.

Bullet Ben's crop of canary-colored hair was usually topped by a white, sugarloaf sombrero, and he wore embroidered silk shirts. He sure did like to hear the jangle of his spurs when he walked, so his high-heeled boots were all equipped with the biggest and clangiest pair of spurs that ever kicked up the dust in Tombstone. The complete outfit was finished off with a deadly pair of six-guns hanging from a silver-studded belt.

When Bullet Ben first rode into Tombstone, he made it known to all that he was the most famous gunman to ever ride into that booming silver town. An' folks believed him, too. Bullet Ben scared 'em an' he puzzled 'em, 'cause he was the first killer the Tombstone folks had ever heard of that recited poetry and possessed the manners of a true gentleman.

As the folks got used to seein' him around and listenin' to his bloody tales of roaring six-shooters and daring stage holdups, they grew kinda skeptical. An' they had a durn good right to be. Seems that all of Bullet Ben's shootin' wuz bein' done with his mouth. Nobody had ever seen him in action. Matter of fact, nobody had even *heard* of him before he came a-trottin' into Tombstone.

Doc Holliday, the good-badman of Tombstone, and Wyatt Earp, the United States deputy marshal, were asked if they had, in all their days, heard of a famous desperado called Bullet Ben. Nope . . . they never heard of him . . . an' if them two boys never heard of him, then there wuz no such outlaw!

One night, Bullet Ben wuz over at the Alhambra saloon, tellin' some of his smoky stories to a bunch of the boys. The long bar wuz lined with all kinds of critters. Cattle thieves were drinking with merchants; gamblers brushed elbows with rich miners; stage robbers backslapped hard-working citizens. Faro chips clattered at the circular tables and spinning roulette wheels hummed their temptin' tunes. Fortunes in silver changed hands at the flip of a card!

Well, as I wuz sayin' . . . Bullet Ben wuz tellin' a hair-raisin' episode 'bout how he outdrawed and dropped four bushwhackin' coyotes in Deming one day. The words wuz fallin' off his tongue like he wuz recitin' a magazine story. All of a sudden like, the butterfly doors of the Alhambra slammed open and in staggered a cowpoke wavin' a pair of six-shooters as if they wuz hot potatoes.

"I'm a-gunnin' for that dude-slick desperado, gents!" the bull-faced hombre roars out, twirlin' and spinnin' his irons on his index fingers. The big hall hushed down so that you could hear a drink bein' poured.

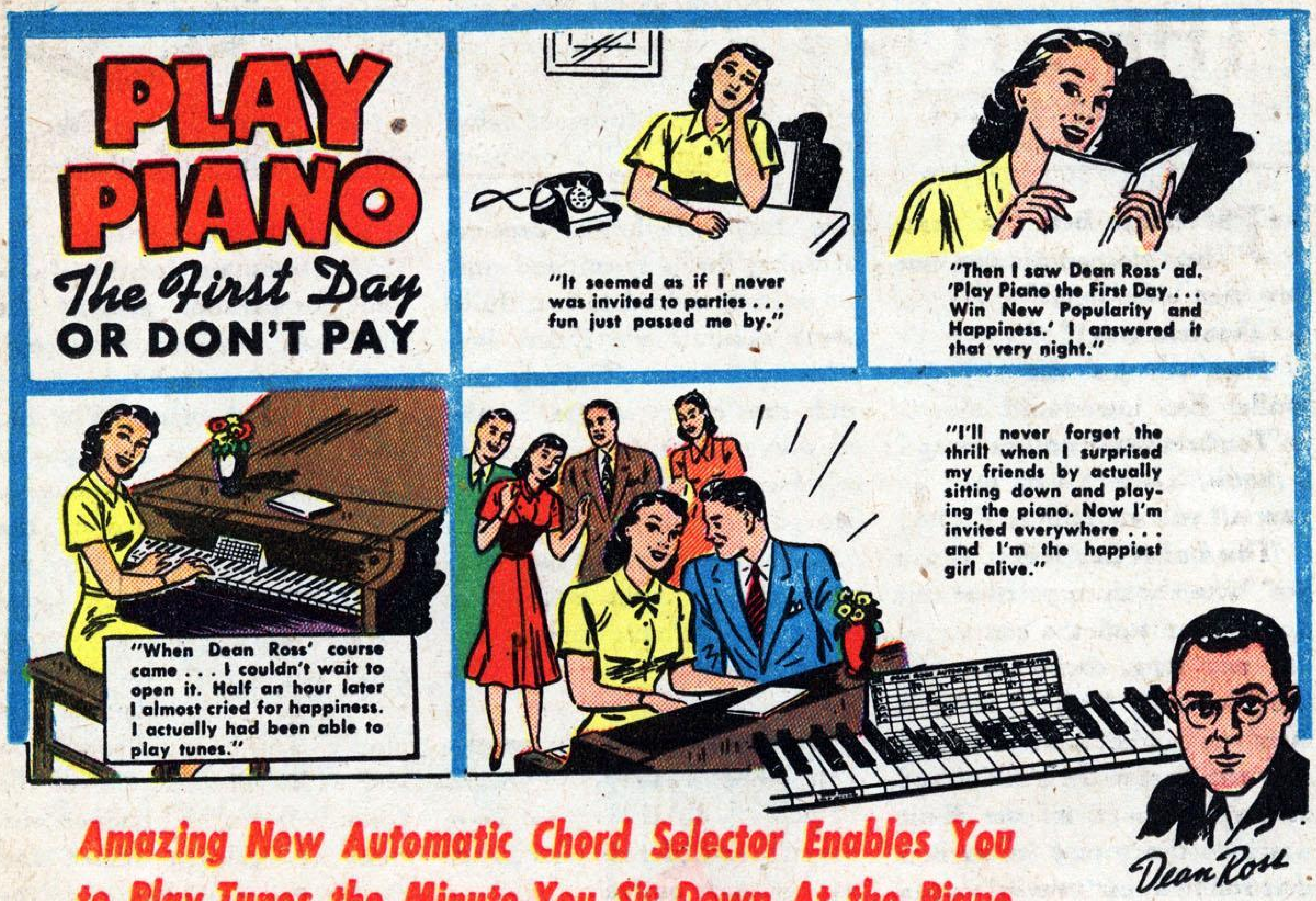
"Whar be he, coyotes?" the gunman insisted. Nobody answered. He spun the guns 'round his fingers once more, then clipped back the hammers and raised the smokepoles. The guns barked in rapid succession and with each roar one of the lanterns in the hall popped out. Bolts of lightning flashed and six-gun thunder rumbled in the darkness. Then there wuz quiet.

When the new lanterns wuz brought out and lit, Bullet Ben had made tracks. That wuz the last Tombstone saw of the gentlemanly, poetry-spoutin', self-made outlaw.

Bullet Ben was next heard of in Galeyville. He wuz walkin' down the street one fine sun-blazin' day, smokin' a cigar, when . . . WHAMBO! . . . there's a blast and the stogie jumps outta his mouth like a bat out of Hades.

Bullet Ben's face turned white. He looked across the street, an' there in front of the saloon sat a big burly feller, shakin' with laughter and holdin' a smokin' six-shooter.

"My name's Bullet Ben, famous outlaw and desperado, stranger. That was a dollar corona you just clipped from my lip." Bullet Ben was scared, but managed not to sound unnerved.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"Howdy, Goldielocks," sez the stranger as he lifted his sombrero, releasing a shock of black curly hair. "Sheriffs call me Curly Bill."

"Curly Bill!" shouted Bullet Ben with surprise and admiration. "Not the most famous outlaw in all Arizona?"

"Yup," answered the scourge of the Arizona ranges. "That's me."

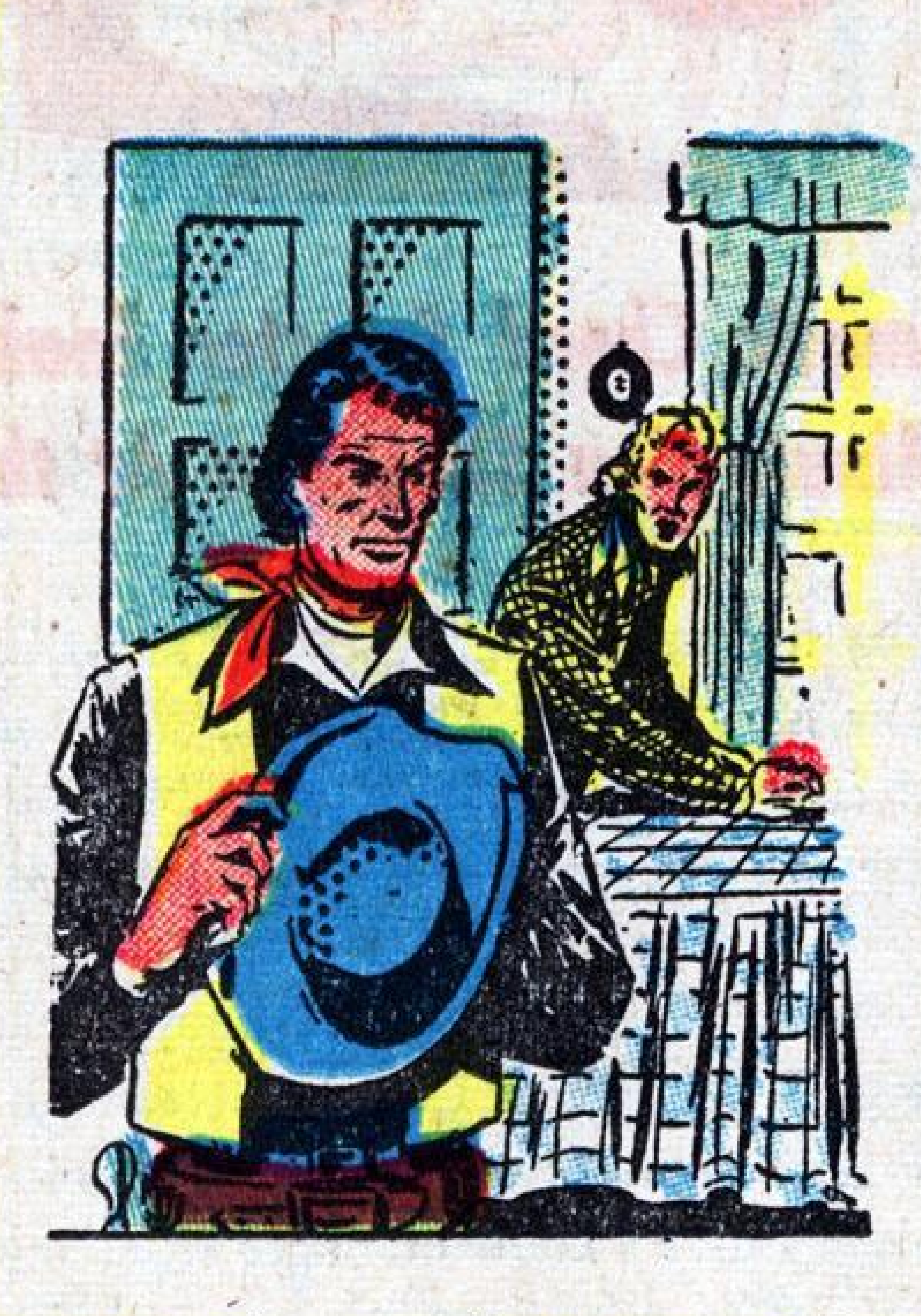
"I'd consider it an honor and a privilege if you'd let me join your band of outlaws, Curly."

It was easy to see that Curly Bill liked the golden-haired hombre right off the bat. Curly got up, slapped Ben on the shoulder and said, "You're a member, Goldie! Let's go in and sign the deal with a couple of drinks." Later that evening it was indeed a proud Bullet Ben that rode out of Galeyville, side by side with the most notorious bandit he had ever met.

After that alliance, Bullet Ben would parade up and down the streets with his sombrero tilted and his mouth curled down in his best badman sneer. When he entered a saloon, he'd slam his fist down on the bar and yell, "I'm Bullet Ben! One of Curly Bill's outlaws! Pour me some of that miserable snake juice you call whisky and make it pronto!"

Yep, Bullet Ben carried on that way for quite some time, an' he impressed a heap of folks, but he failed to impress one man . . . himself. Curly Bill thought that Ben was too doggone pretty to get all mussed up going on raidin' and robbin' escapades. So he kept Ben at the gang's ranch house doing the cooking, sewing and other household chores. When the gang came back all shot up, Bullet Ben was waiting at the ranch to remove the slugs and nurse the boys back to their plundering prowess.

The fame and lustre of being "one of Curly Bill's outlaws" began to lose its shine for Bullet Ben after a spell. The thought of being the only outlaw without a lawless deed to truthfully boast about, made Bullet Ben ashamed of himself. Curly Bill and the other saddle sneaks rode out on cattle raids across the Mexican border; they robbed gold shipments; they plundered smuggler trains and shot up towns . . . but Bullet Ben had to stay home among the pots and pans. It was enough to make any honest outlaw commit murder. An' that was exactly what Bullet Ben wanted to do. Murder, or any other transgression that would make him an outlaw in his own eyes.



So, Bullet Ben committed his crime. He mustered his courage, donned his most ferocious desperado scowl, and stole an ol' broken down nag. When he trotted into Shakespeare, a small mining town, proudly leading his loot down the street, he and the horse were instantly recognized. Sheriff Hank Haddon was called and he quietly took Bullet Ben away to the jailhouse.

Now it jes' happened that a real badman, a rannie called Sandy, was being tried at that time fer shootin' up the town. The citizens were holdin' the trial in the eatin' room of the local hotel. When the meetin' wuz called to order, one of the members of the Citizens' Committee sez, "While we're holdin' court on this trigger happy yoot, let's judge the yellow-haired hoss thief that Sheriff Hank Haddon jes' run in."

The sad-faced, handsome Bullet Ben was brought in. He stood silent and still; straight as a reed he was. The usual smile wuz missin' from Ben's face but in his steel-blue eyes there wuz a glint of satisfaction. The trial started and ended quicker than a man could draw his sixgun. The verdict? Hanging!

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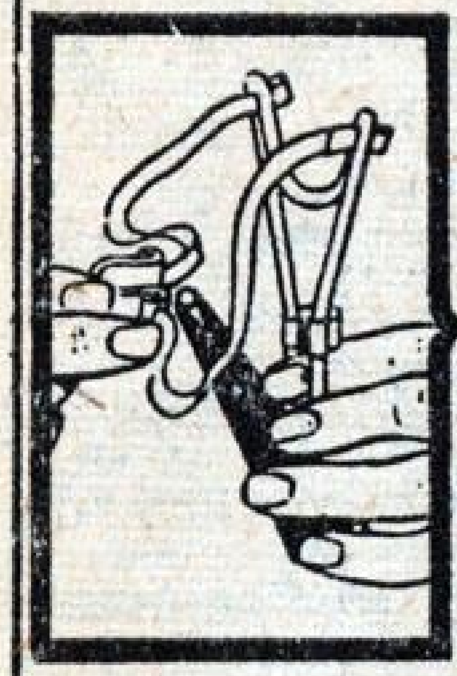

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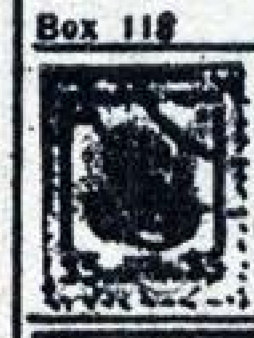

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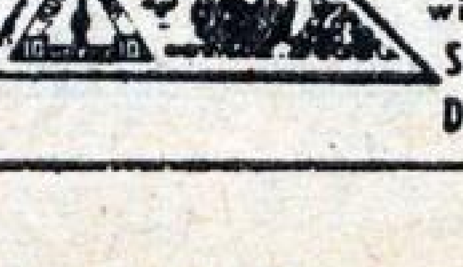

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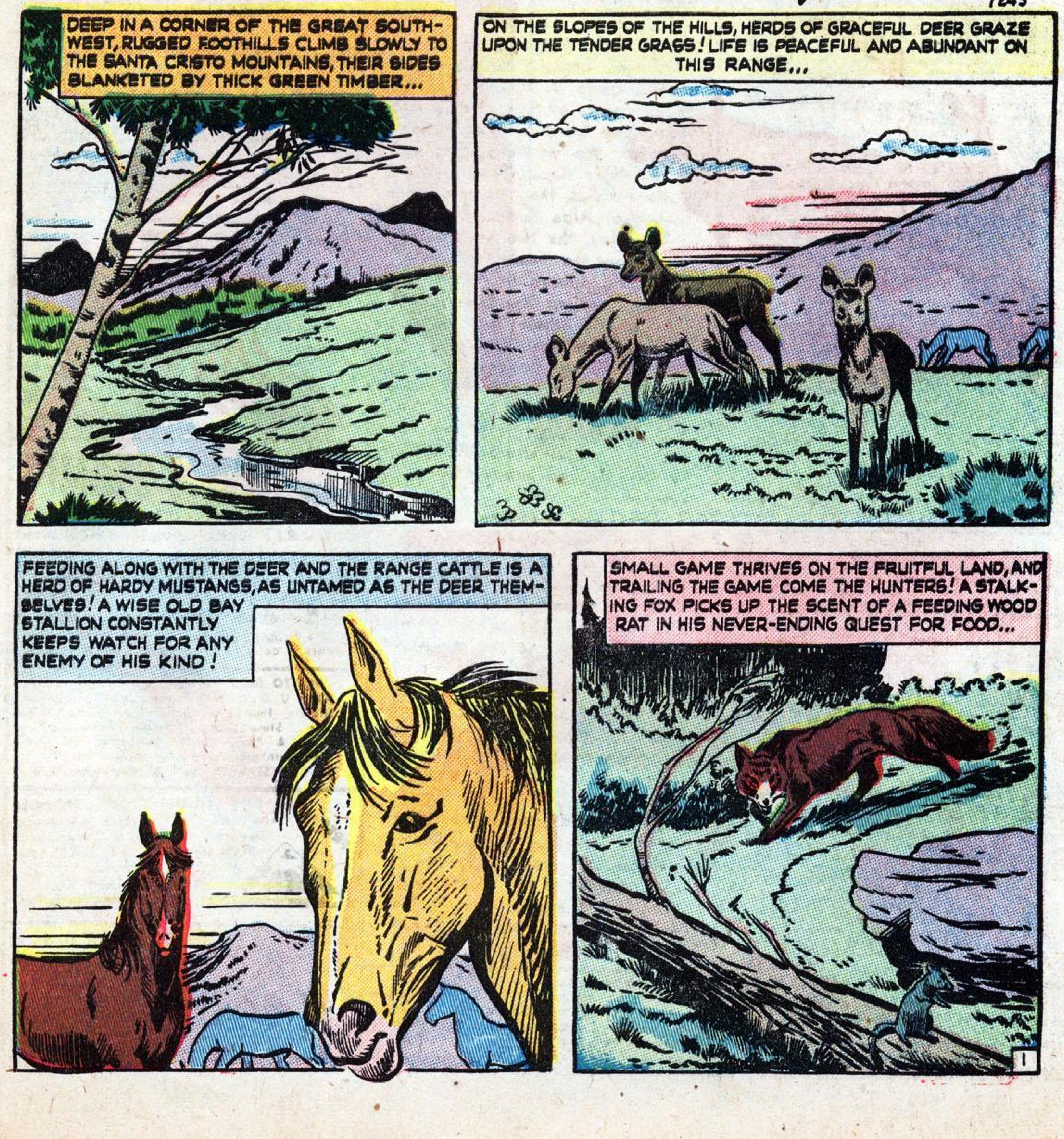
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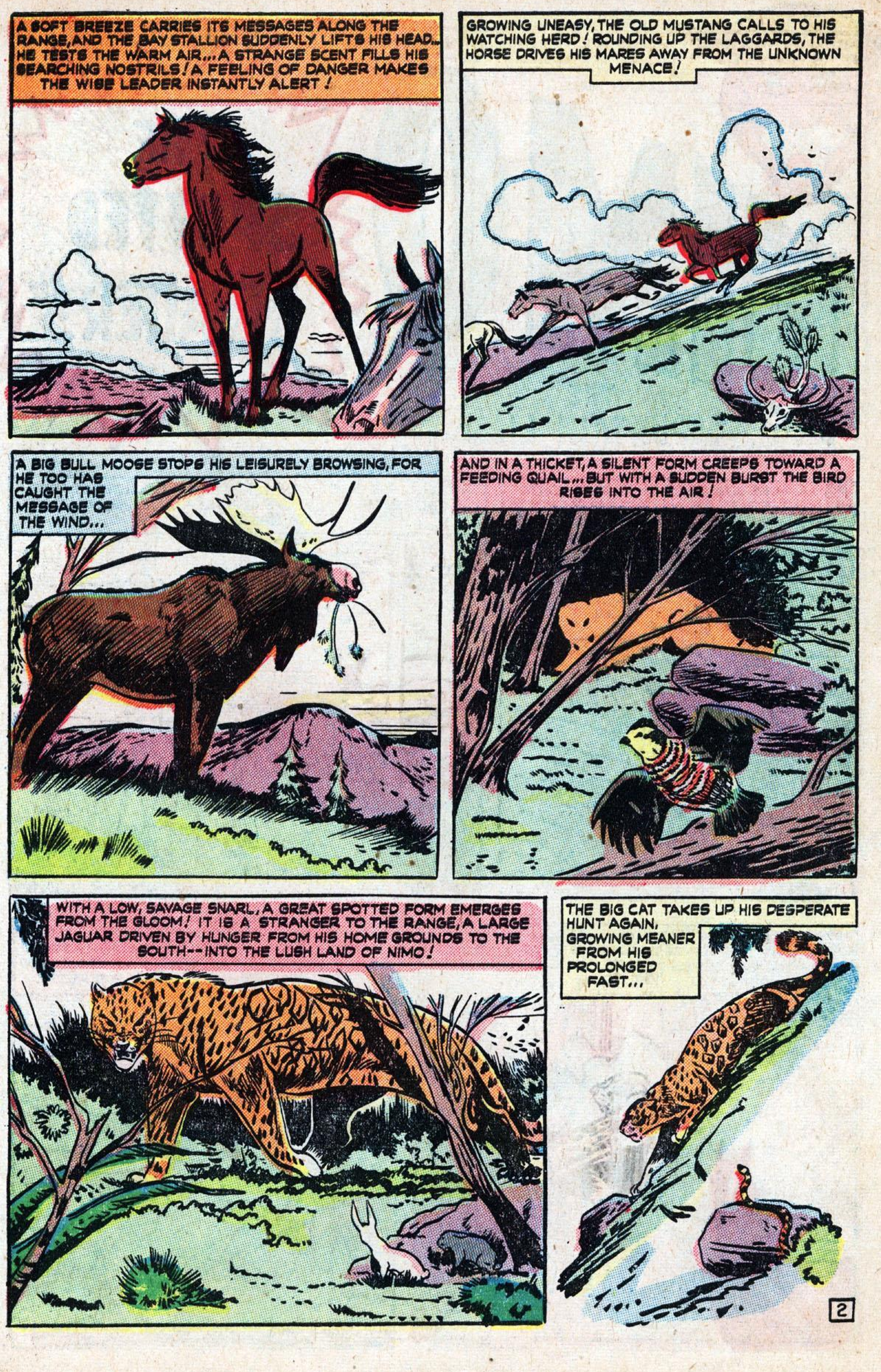
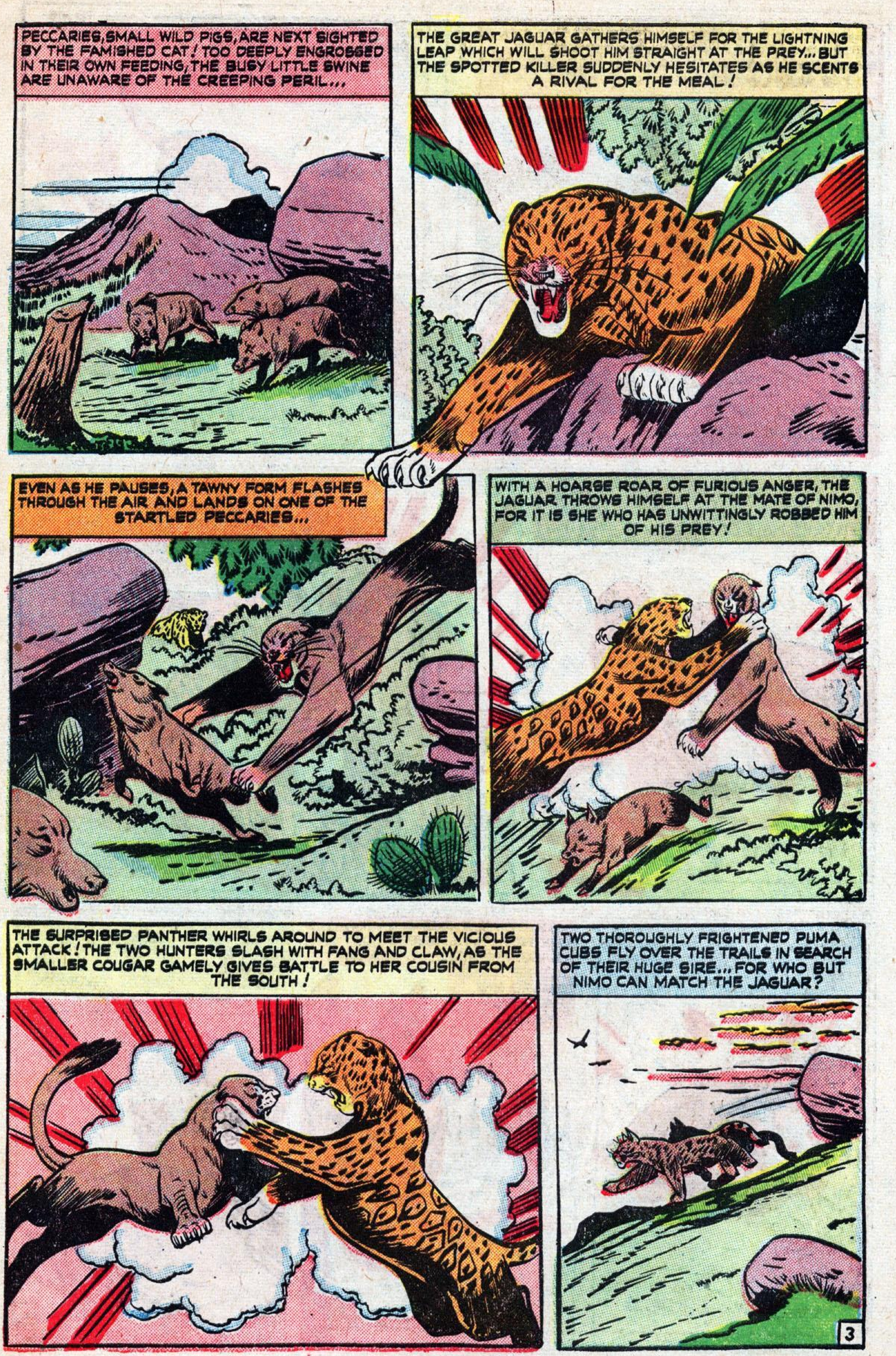
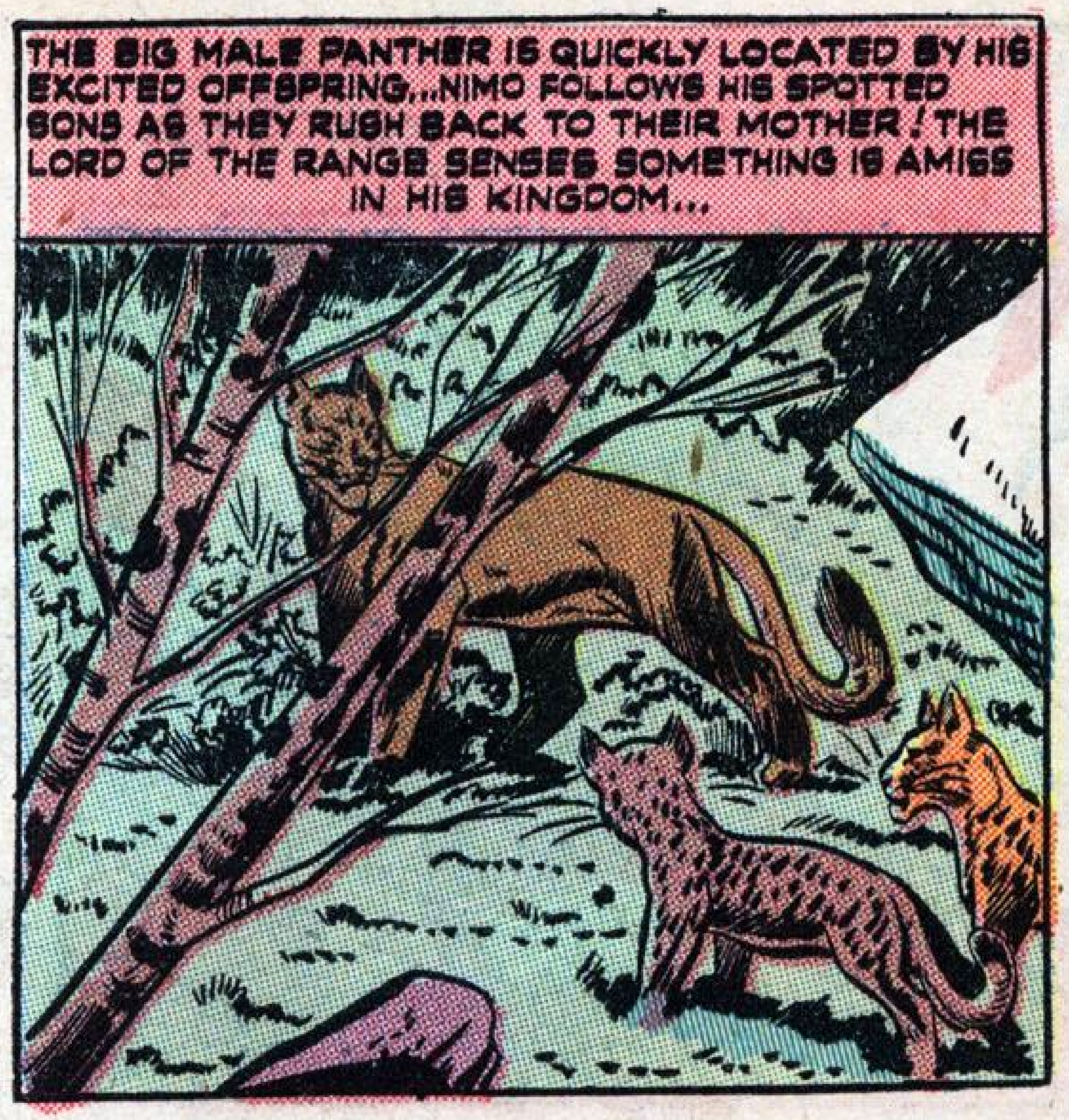
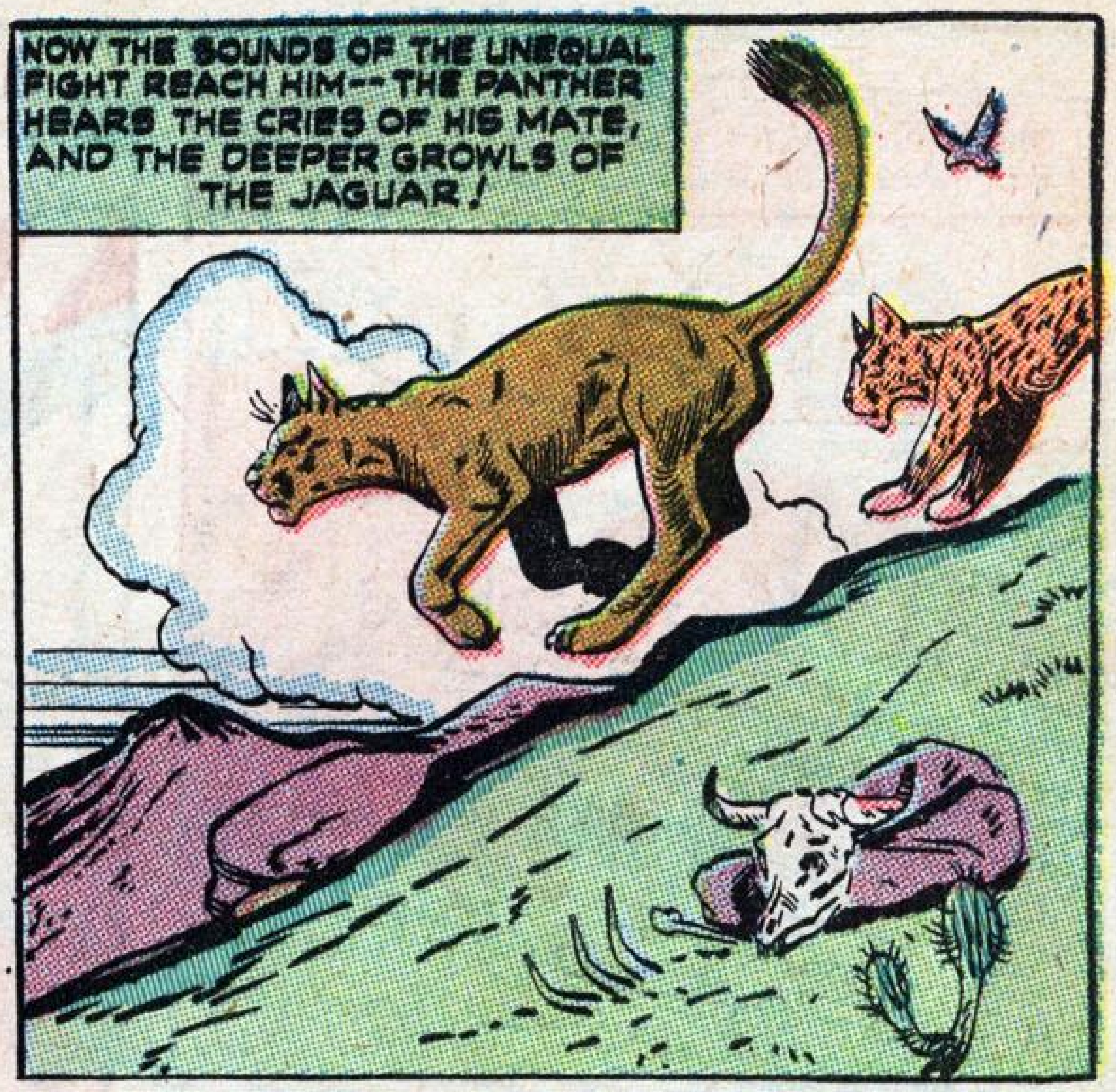
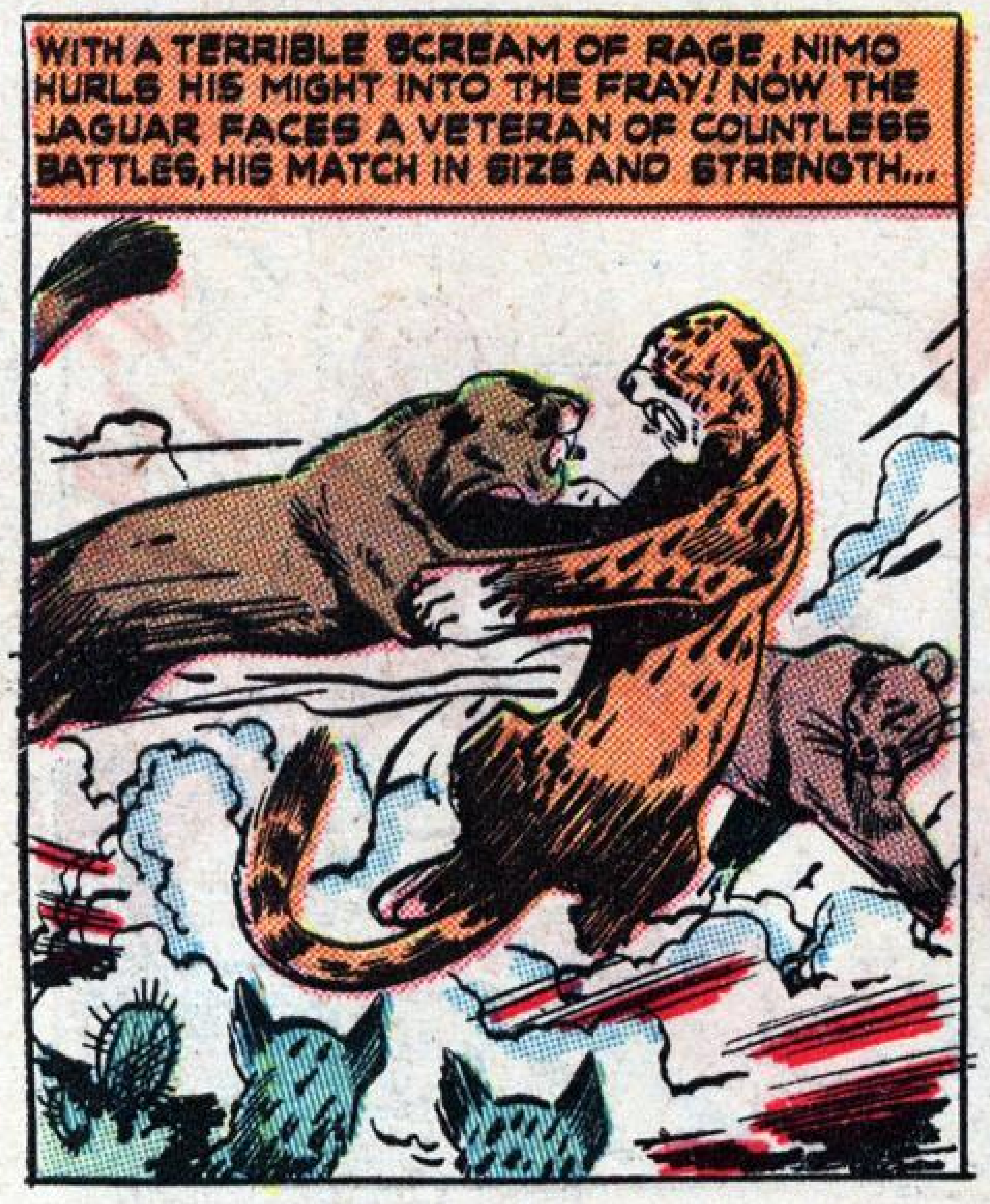
SMALL GAME THRIVES ON THE FRUITFUL LAND, AND TRAILING THE GAME COME THE HUNTERS! A STALKING FOX PICKS UP THE SCENT OF A FEEDING WOOD RAT IN HIS NEVER-ENDING QUEST FOR FOOD...

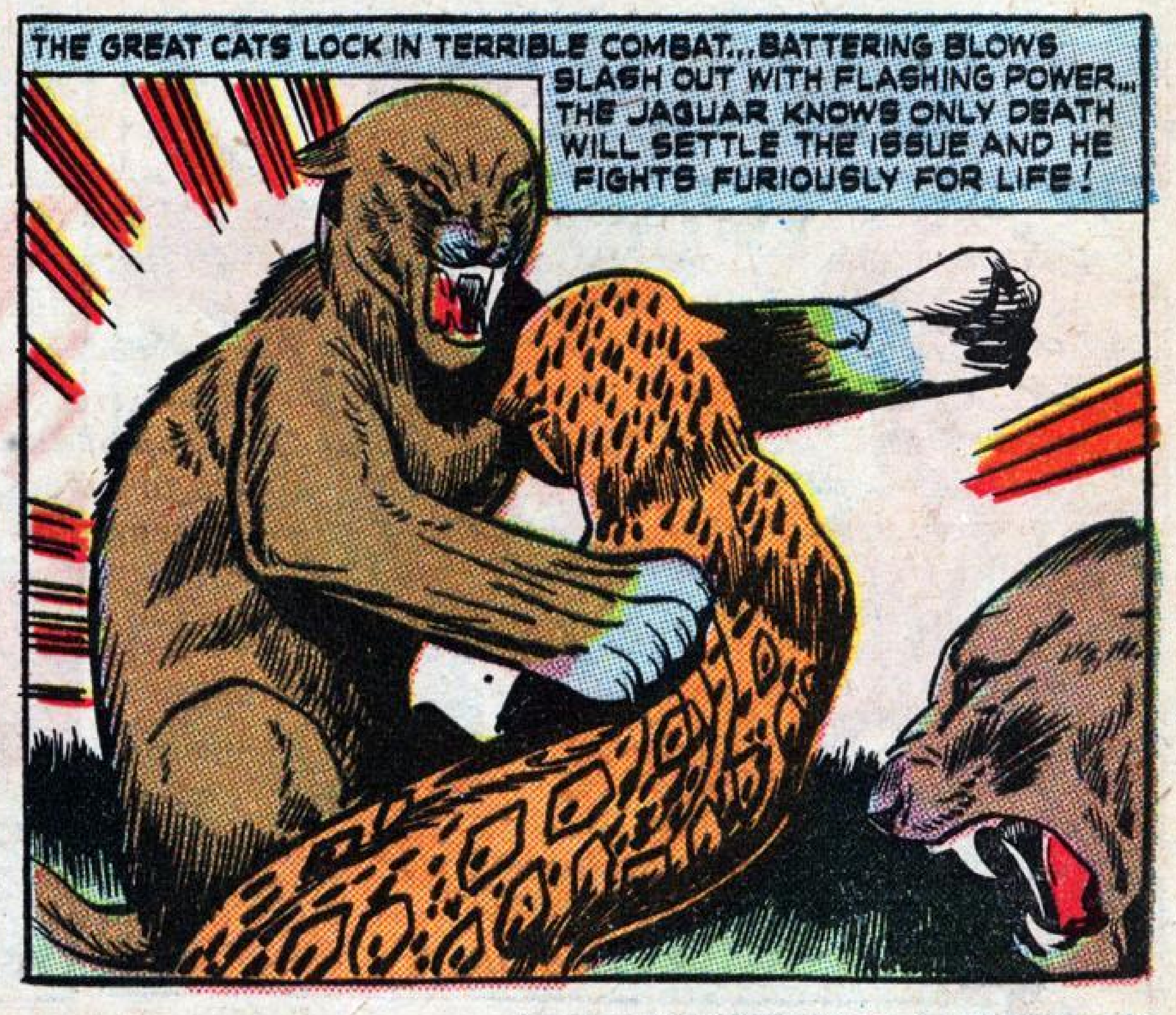

A SOFT BREEZE CARRIES ITS MESSAGES ALONG THE RANGE, AND THE BAY STALLION SUDDENLY LIFTS HIS HEAD.. HE TESTS THE WARM AIR... A STRANGE SCENT FILLS HIS SEARCHING NOSTRILS! A FEELING OF DANGER MAKES THE WISE LEADER INSTANTLY ALERT!
GROWING UNEASY, THE OLD MUSTANG CALLS TO HIS WATCHING HERD! ROUNDING UP THE LAGGARDS, THE HORSE DRIVES HIS MARES AWAY FROM THE UNKNOWN MENACE!
A BIG BULL MOOSE STOPS HIS LEISURELY BROWSING, FOR HE TOO HAS CAUGHT THE MESSAGE OF THE WIND...
AND IN A THICKET, A SILENT FORM CREEPS TOWARD A FEEDING QUAIL... BUT WITH A SUDDEN BURST THE BIRD RISES INTO THE AIR!
WITH A LOW, SAVAGE SNARL, A GREAT SPOTTED FORM EMERGES FROM THE GLOOM! IT IS A STRANGER TO THE RANGE, A LARGE JAGUAR DRIVEN BY HUNGER FROM HIS HOME GROUNDS TO THE SOUTH--INTO THE LUSH LAND OF NIMO!
THE BIG CAT TAKES UP HIS DESPERATE HUNT AGAIN, GROWING MEANER FROM HIS PROLONGED FAST...


PECCARIES, SMALL WILD PIGS, ARE NEXT SIGHTED BY THE FAMISHED CAT! TOO DEEPLY ENGROSSED IN THEIR OWN FEEDING, THE BUSY LITTLE SWINE ARE UNAWARE OF THE CREEPING PERIL...
THE GREAT JAGUAR GATHERS HIMSELF FOR THE LIGHTNING LEAP WHICH WILL SHOOT HIM STRAIGHT AT THE PREY... BUT THE SPOTTED KILLER SUDDENLY HESITATES AS HE SCENTS A RIVAL FOR THE MEAL!
EVEN AS HE PAUSES, A TAWNY FORM FLASHES THROUGH THE AIR AND LANDS ON ONE OF THE STARTLED PECCARIES...
WITH A HOARSE ROAR OF FURIOUS ANGER, THE JAGUAR THROWS HIMSELF AT THE MATE OF NIMO, FOR IT IS SHE WHO HAS UNWITTINGLY ROBBED HIM OF HIS PREY!
THE SURPRISED PANTHER WHIRLS AROUND TO MEET THE VICIOUS ATTACK! THE TWO HUNTERS SLASH WITH FANG AND CLAW, AS THE SMALLER COUGAR GAMELY GIVES BATTLE TO HER COUSIN FROM THE SOUTH!
TWO THOROUGHLY FRIGHTENED PUMA CUBS FLY OVER THE TRAILS IN SEARCH OF THEIR HUGE SIRE... FOR WHO BUT NIMO CAN MATCH THE JAGUAR?


THE BIG MALE PANTHER IS QUICKLY LOCATED BY HIS EXCITED OFFSPRING...NIMO FOLLOWS HIS SPOTTED SONS AS THEY RUSH BACK TO THEIR MOTHER! THE LORD OF THE RANGE SENSES SOMETHING IS AMISS IN HIS KINGDOM...


NOW THE SOUNDS OF THE UNEQUAL FIGHT REACH HIM--THE PANTHER HEARS THE CRIES OF HIS MATE, AND THE DEEPER GROWLS OF THE JAGUAR!


WITH A TERRIBLE SCREAM OF RAGE, NIMO HURLS HIS MIGHT INTO THE FRAY! NOW THE JAGUAR FACES A VETERAN OF COUNTLESS BATTLES, HIS MATCH IN SIZE AND STRENGTH...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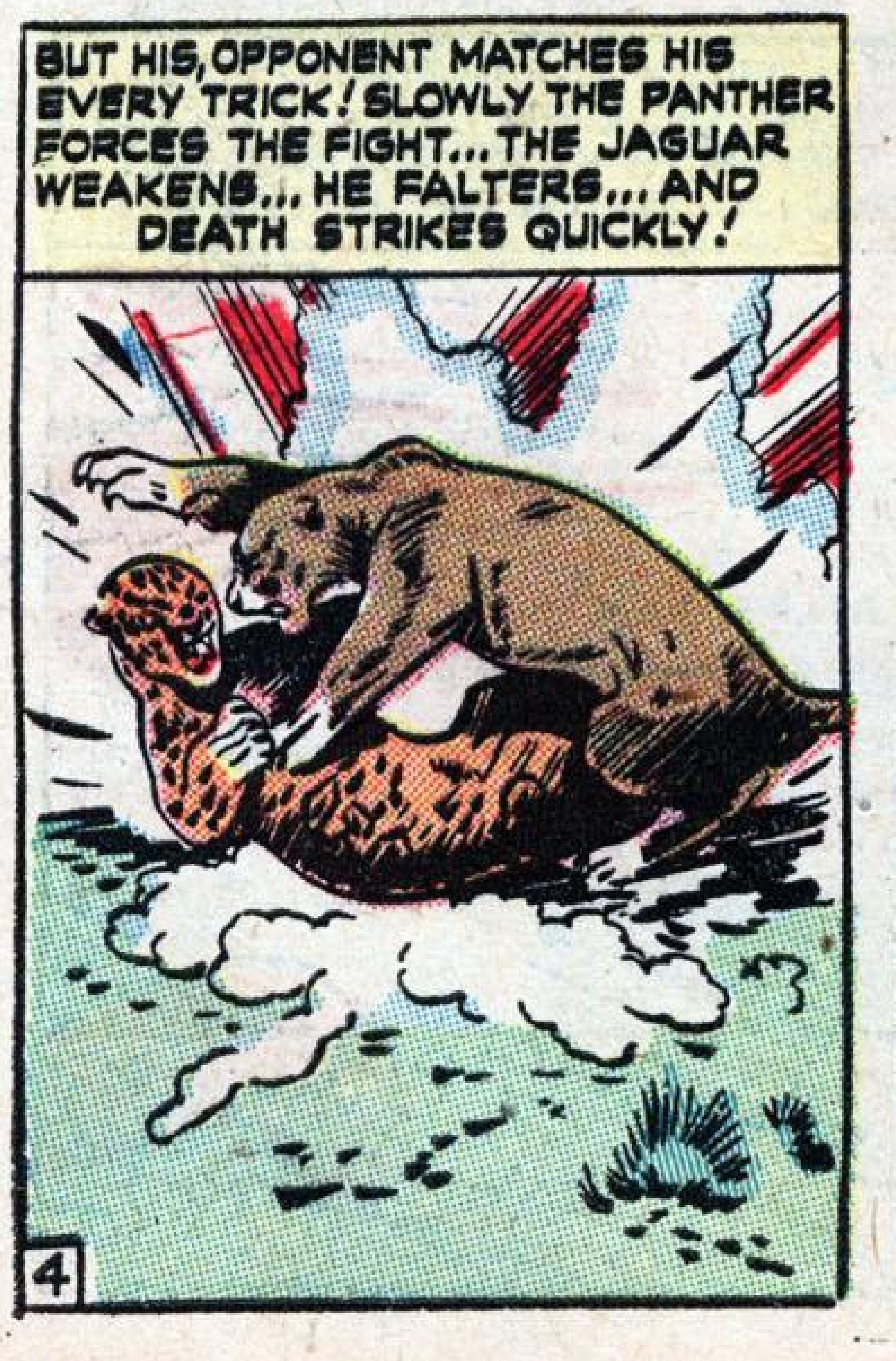
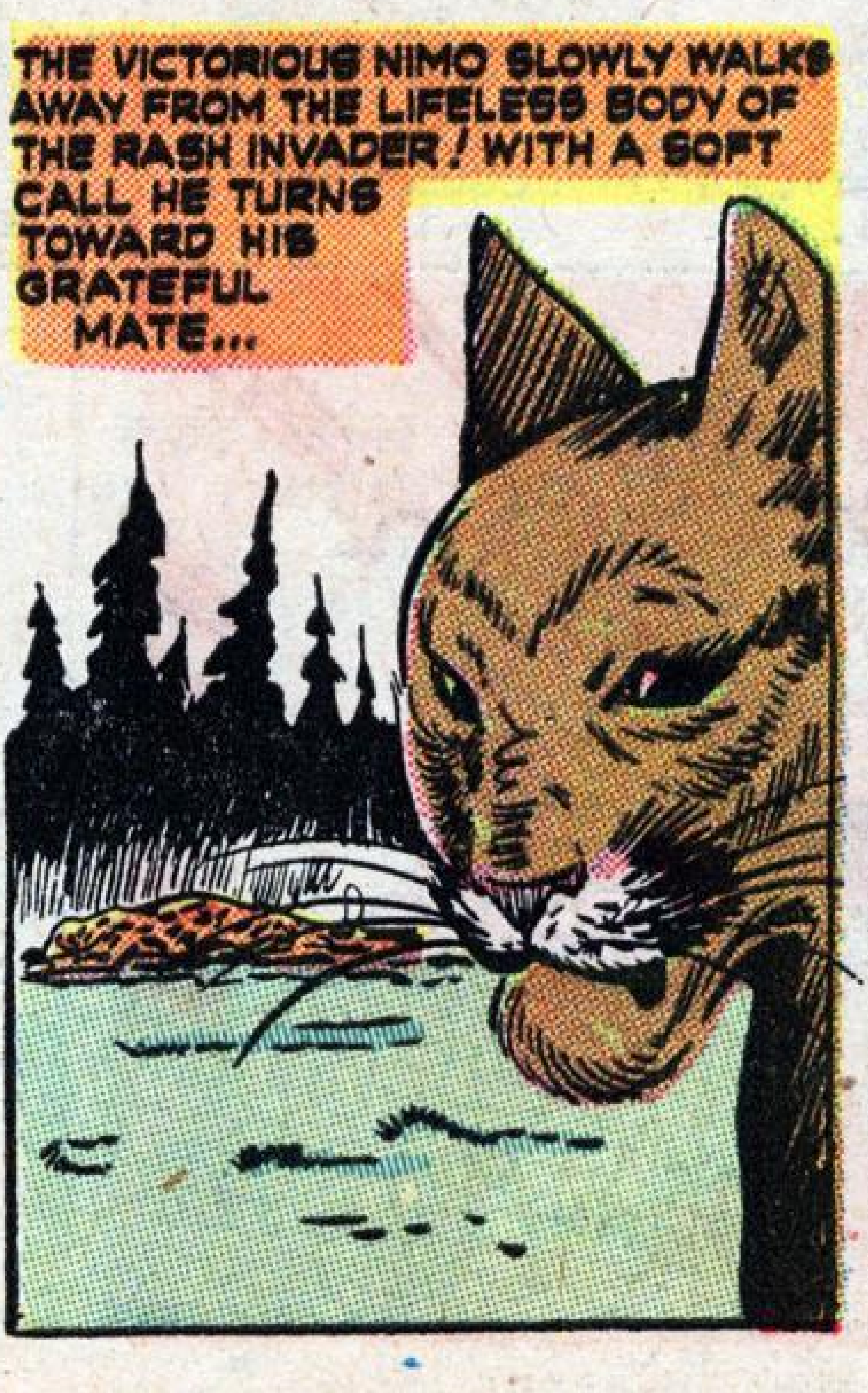
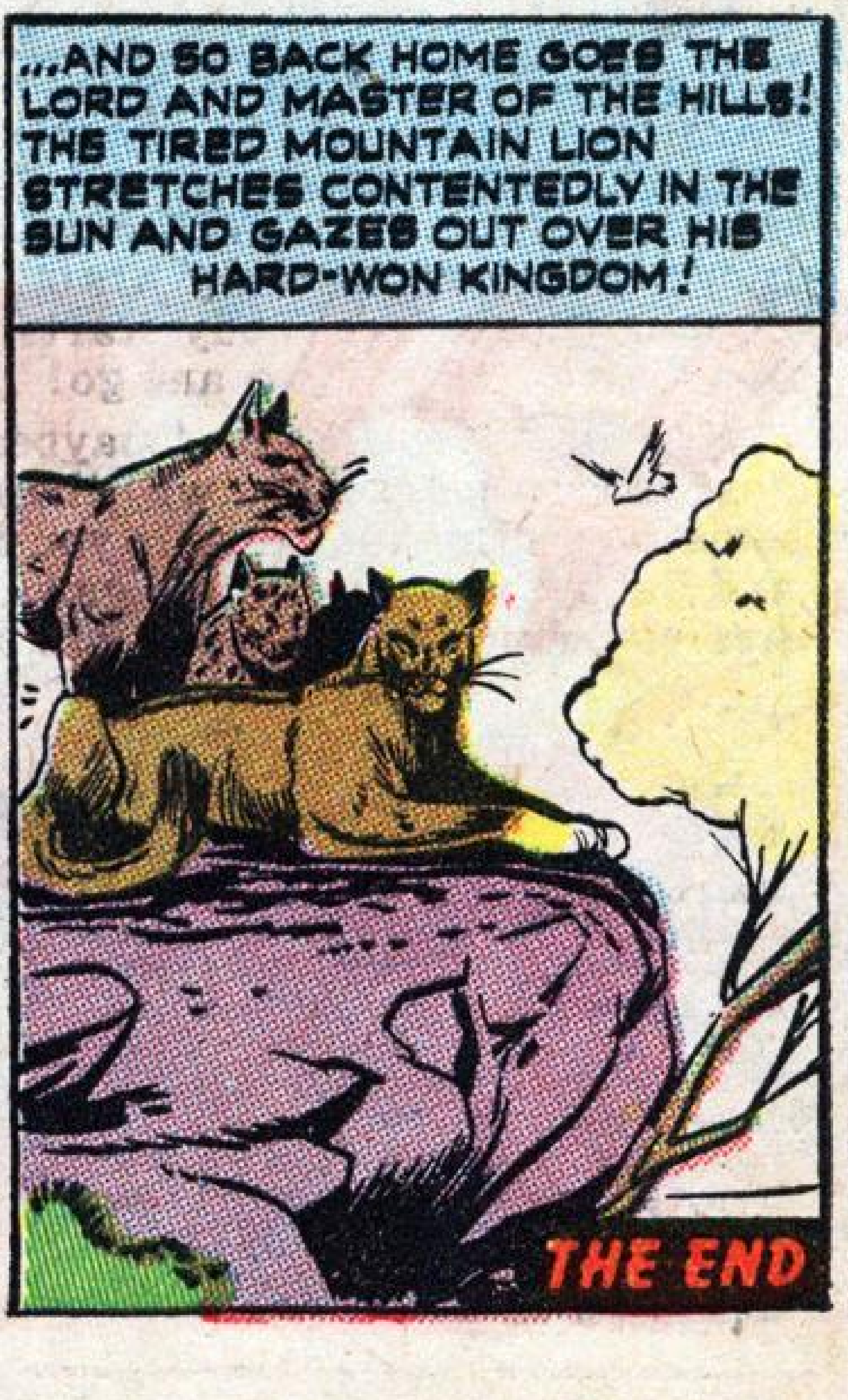

BUT HIS, OPPONENT MATCHES HIS EVERY TRICK! SLOWLY THE PANTHER FORCES THE FIGHT...THE JAGUAR WEAKENS... HE FALTERS... AND DEATH STRIKES QUICKLY!


THE VICTORIOUS NIMO SLOWLY WALKS AWAY FROM THE LIFELESS BODY OF THE RASH INVADER! WITH A SOFT CALL HE TURNS TOWARD HIS GRATEFUL MATE...


...AND SO BACK HOME GOES THE LORD AND MASTER OF THE HILLS! THE TIRED MOUNTAIN LION STRETCHES CONTENTEDLY IN THE SUN AND GAZES OUT OVER HIS HARD-WON KINGDOM!
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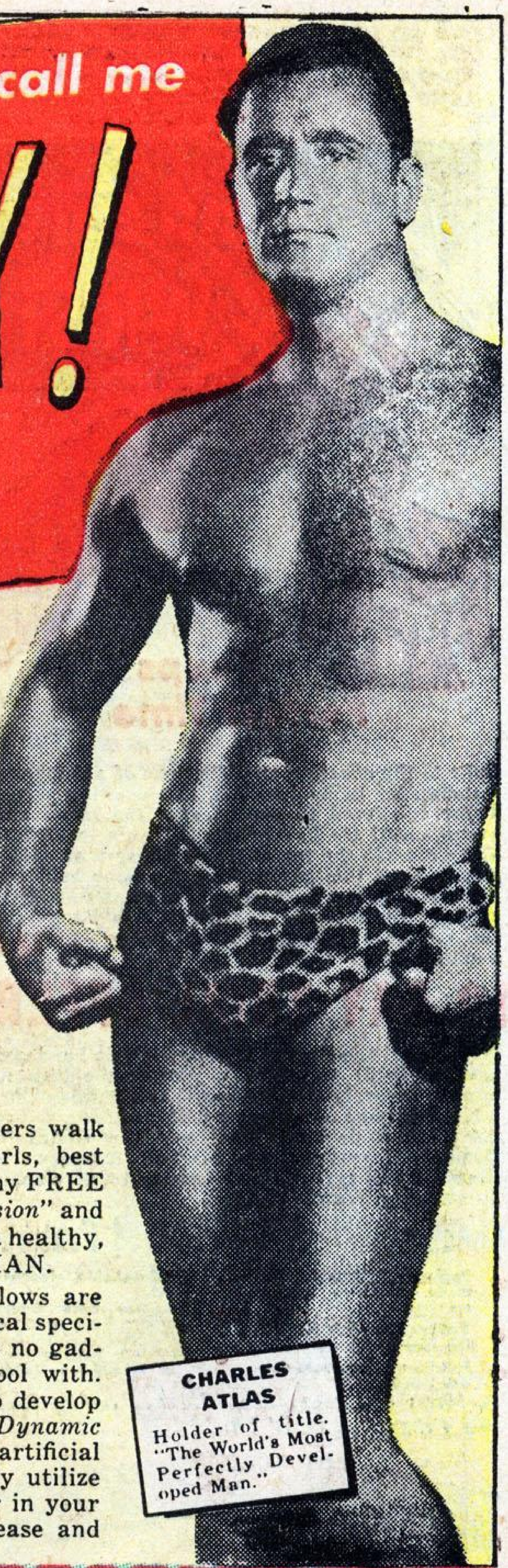

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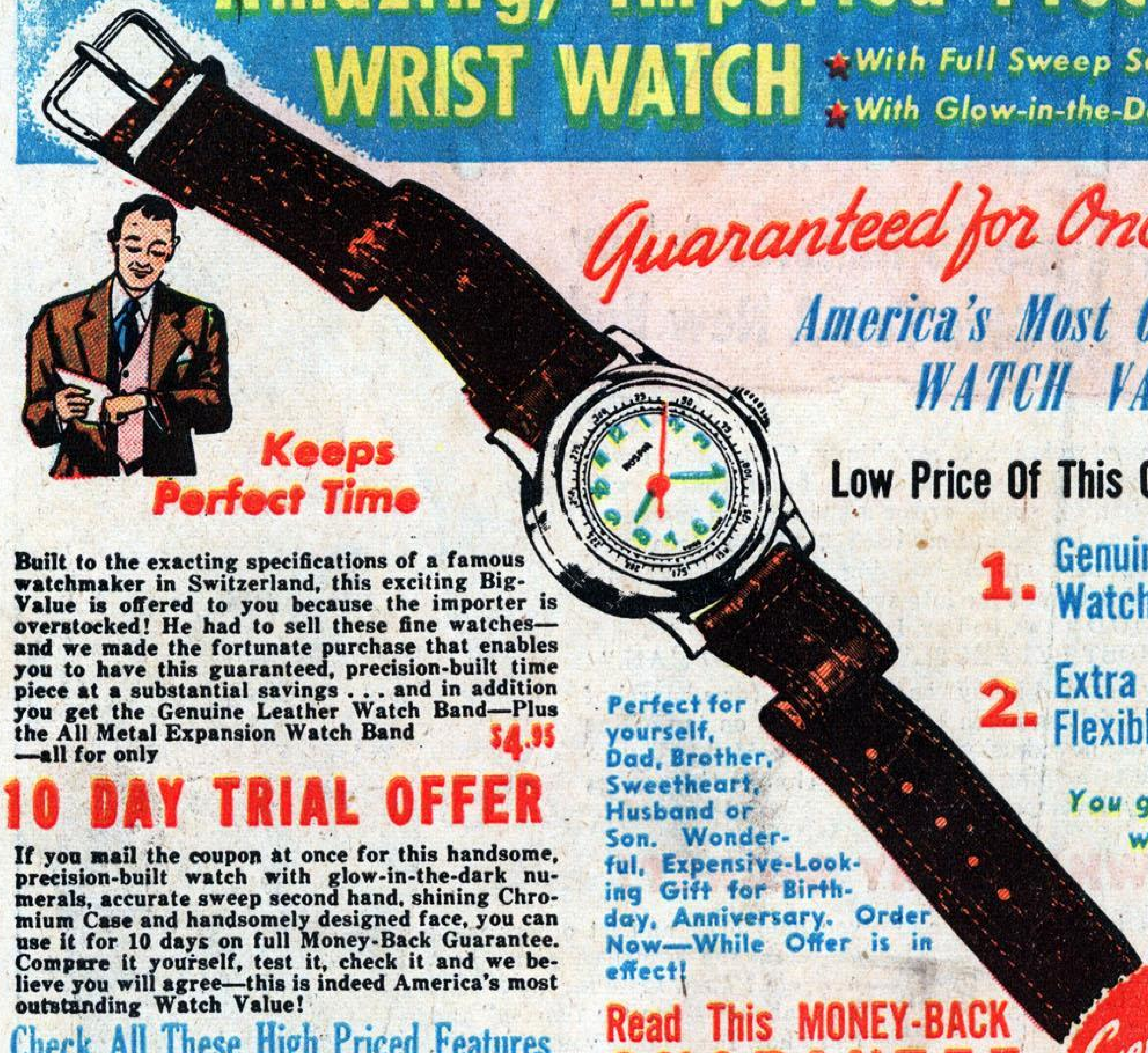

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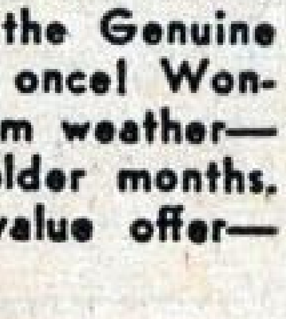

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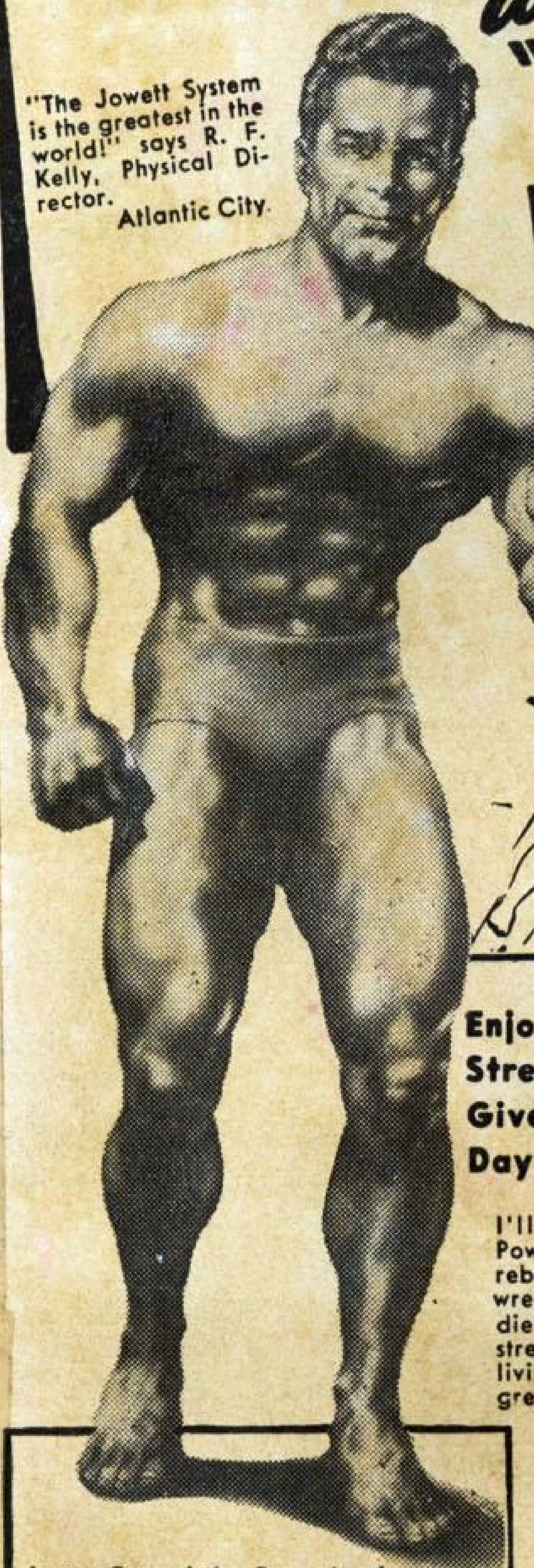

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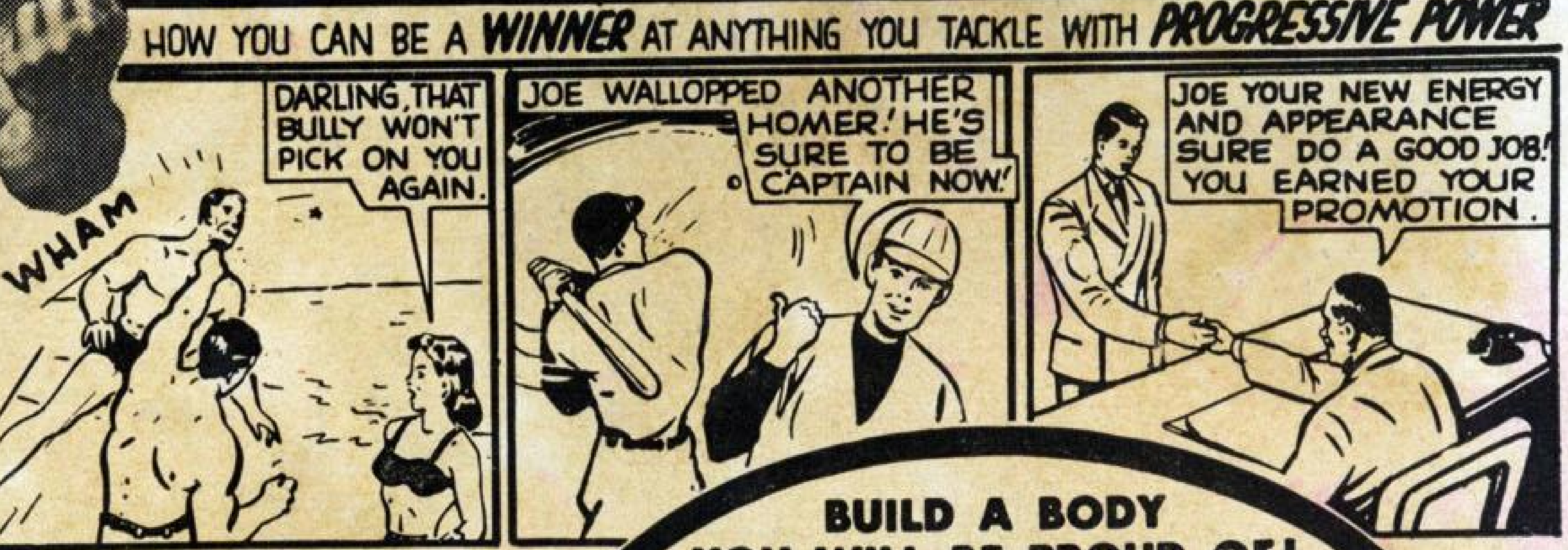
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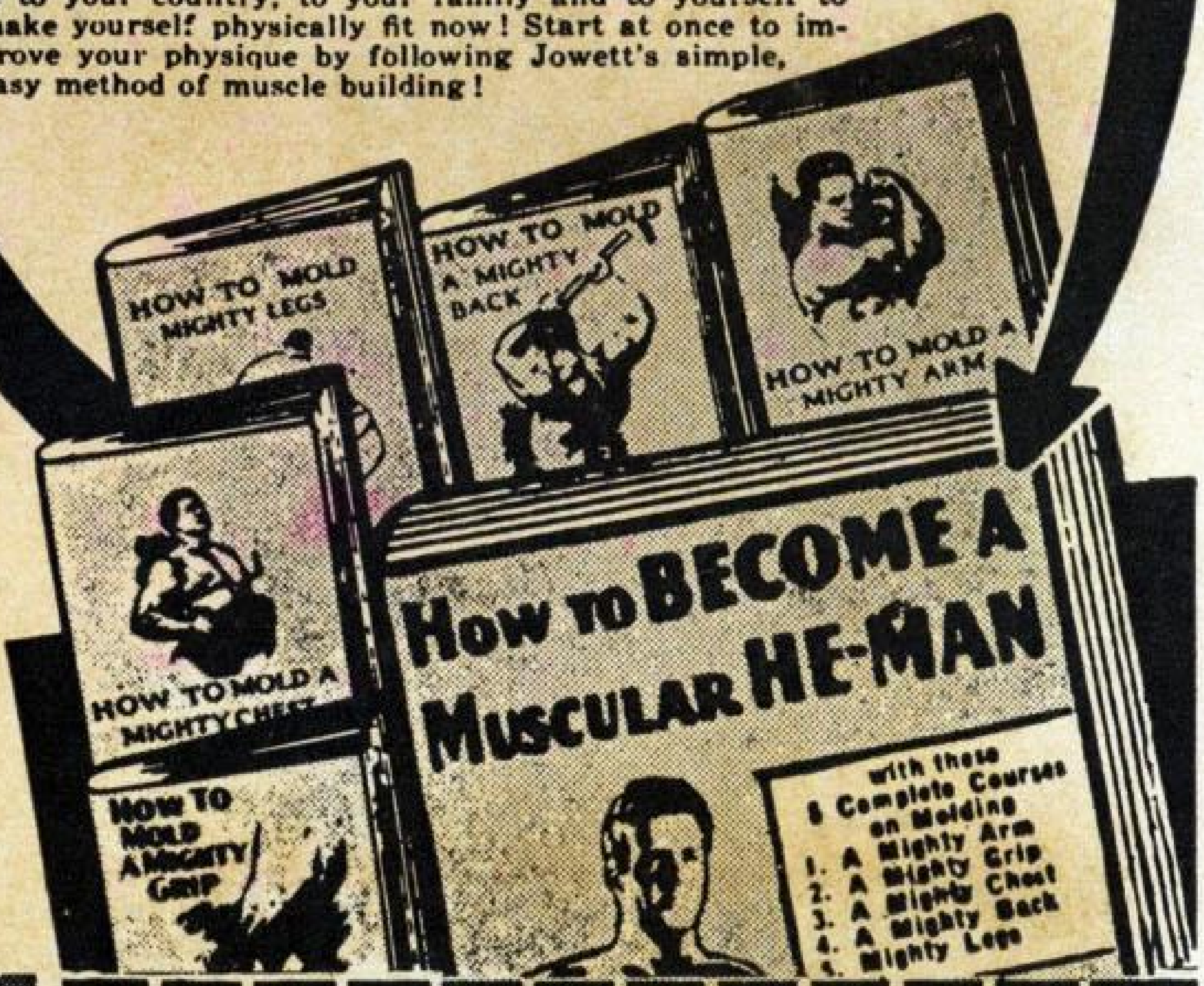
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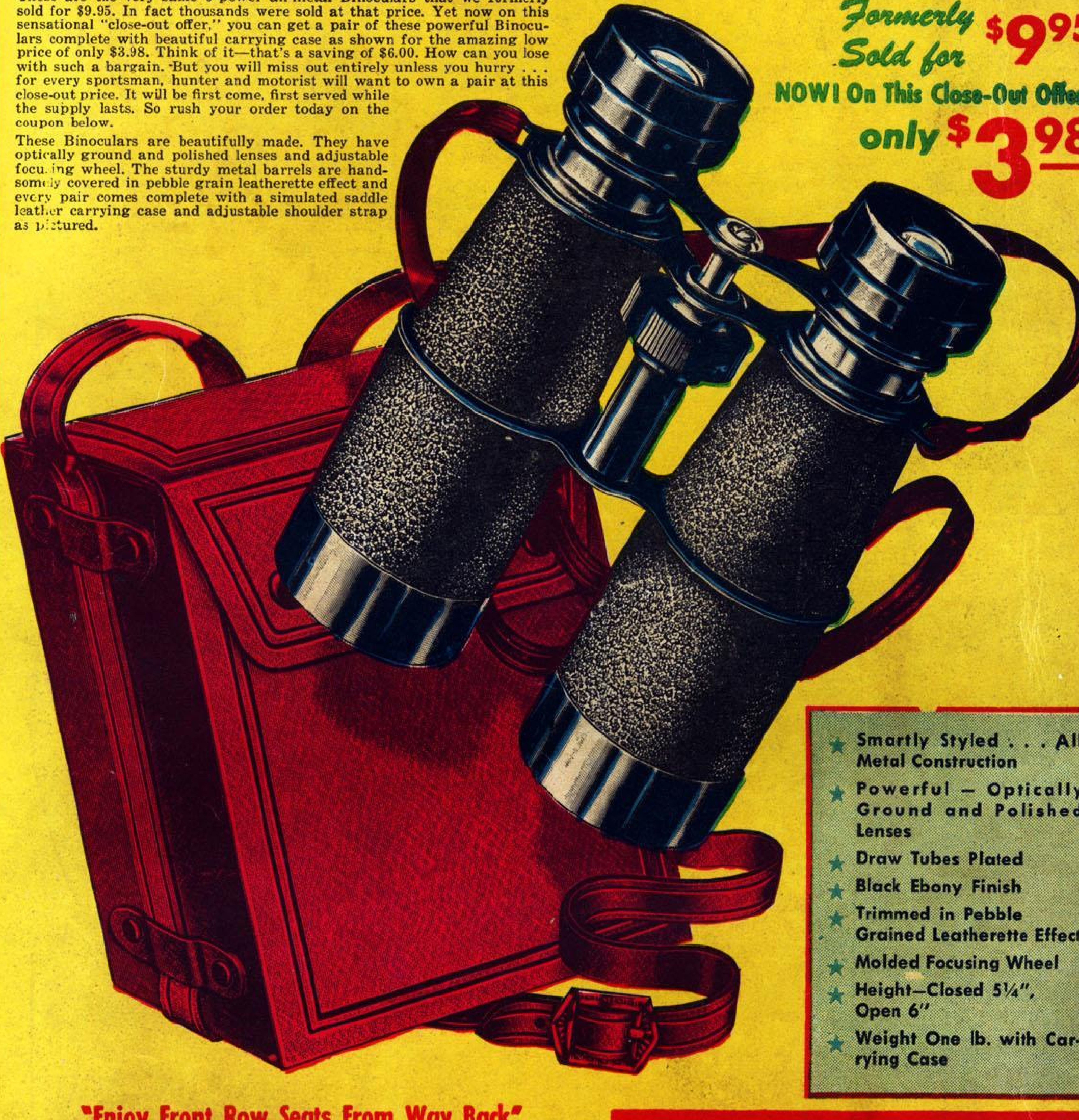

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